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JAPAN'S ADVANCE SLOWED IN NORTH

BITTER WARFARE AND COLD SPELL CHECK INVADER

China's "Ironsides" Reported Retreating In Hangchow Sector

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

The Japanese advance northward along the Tientsin-Pukow railway has slowed down as a result of two days of heavy fighting, according to Chinese reports.

At the same time the lull on the northern section of the railway continues, owing to bad weather.

The Japanese claim that the Chinese "Ironsides," who on January 17 were reported to be six miles from Hangchow, have now retreated.—*Reuter*.

PROPAGANDISTS AT WORK

Chetoo, Jan. 22.
Considerable excitement was caused on January 20 when a motor car, flying a large Japanese flag, and occupied by Japanese belonging to the propaganda section of the Japanese army, together with three Chinese, arrived from some point west of the city.
The party, after visiting Wuping, south of Chetoo, held conversations with officials of the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce, but the subject of the talks was not divulged.
After spending the night at a local Chinese hotel, which was strongly guarded, the visitors left for Tsingtao at noon yesterday.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE LEADER MURDERED

Outrage In French Concession

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

Mr. Yang Foh-yuen, a member of the Shanghai Civic Association and close friend of the late Mr. Lo Peh-hong, was assassinated as he was entering his home in the French Concession yesterday.
His unidentified assailant fired three shots, wounding Mr. Yang in the head from behind.
This murder is one of a series of crimes involving members of the Association.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS

GUERRILLA TACTICS SUCCESSFUL

Tunchei, Chekiang, Jan. 22.
Taking advantage of the hilly terrain in north Chekiang, south Anhwei, and the districts southwest of Taihu Lake, guerrilla tactics are being successfully employed by the Chinese forces in fighting against the Japanese troops on the Hangchow-Wuhu front, according to Chinese military authorities.
After taking Hangchow and Wuhu, the Japanese military command has shifted a large number of its troops from the Hangchow-Wuhu front to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front in an attempt to take the entire railway line and establish contact between its forces in the north and south sectors. But the guerrilla tactics employed by the Chinese constantly menace the Japanese positions on the Hangchow-Wuhu front and affect their advance on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, these authorities asserted.
From January 1 to January 20 large numbers of bridges and culverts on the Ningling-Hangchow highway, these authorities revealed, were destroyed by the Chinese guerrillas rendering Japanese communications extremely difficult. Meanwhile, isolated Japanese units stationed between Kwangteh and the Anhwei-Chekiang border and Wusheng on the south bank of the Taihu Lake, have been annihilated.

NOTABLE ASSISTANCE

In the recent recapture of Kwangteh, and Anchi, and the fierce counter-offensive on Hsuancheng, Wan-chih, Wuhu and Hangchow the assistance rendered by the Chinese guerrilla troops to the regular troops was noteworthy, these authorities asserted.
According to the latest advice received by these authorities, Fuyang, south-west of Hangchow, has now been cleared of Japanese troops. Retreating toward Hangchow yesterday, the 700 Japanese troops from Fuyang encountered a large unit of Chinese guerrillas on the way. In the ensuing engagement over 100 Japanese were killed.
Other advice state that, constantly menaced by the Chinese guerrillas, the Japanese regimental headquarters inside Hsuancheng city was removed last night to Miaochen, a town north-west.—*Central News*.

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Japan Loses Millions In Hongkong Trade

JAPANESE MARCH INLAND



CHOKING THE ROADS with a mass of animals, vehicles and humanity, Japanese troops are encountering bitter weather as they push inland in Central China. This photograph was taken recently in the Nanking area.

BIGGER BRITISH WARSHIPS

Ready To Build Up To
43,000 Ton Mark

London, Jan. 21.

As regards the suggestion that Japan was building 43,000-ton battleships, it is understood that conversations between Britain, France and the United States are not likely until he fullest information is obtained.

Unofficial naval observers believe that if the "Escalator" clause is invoked, it is possible, at the present stage of construction, to make alterations to Britain's five battleships at present being constructed in order to bring them nearer to the 43,000-ton mark.

Plans are also presumably in existence whereby vessels could be built above the present limit.
It is learned that the question of warship displacement would not be affected by the dimensions of the Suez Canal. The average depth of the Canal is 34 feet, and H.M.S. Hood, with a displacement of 42,100 tons has a maximum draught of only 31½ feet. The beam does not come into the picture as there is ample width to the Canal.—*Reuter*.

New Italian Liner For Far East

Victoria Soon To Be
Replaced

Rome, Jan. 21.

A new 250,000-ton scheme for the extension of the Italian mercantile marine is announced. It involves the building of 42 ships in four years, 28 of which will be built in 1938, at a total cost of 1,500,000,000 lire.

A new 16,500-ton liner will be built for the Far Eastern service, replacing the Victoria which will be transferred to another service.

Eight new ships, faster than those at present in service, will be built for the South African service, and others will be built for the Central America, South America and Southern Pacific services. All will be motor vessels.

Twenty-eight ships will be laid down in 1938. State subsidies to the shipping combine are expected to total 300,000,000 lire annually.—*Reuter*.

CHAUTEMPS WINS CONFIDENCE OF FRENCH CHAMBER

Nation Loyal To League And British Allies

Paris, Jan. 21.

Speaking in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Camille Chautemps, French Prime Minister, made a declaration of policy, expressing loyalty to the Anglo-French Entente-Cordiale and the League of Nations, and the intention to assure national defence.

He said the Government was determined to unmask all the Csar culprits and submit them to the full force of the law.

It was necessary to give to the working class the entire certainty that there would be no attacks against the social advantages it legitimately acquires, and the Government would submit to the Chamber on Tuesday a scheme which would secure respect for the legitimate authority of the business manager and the right of workers to security and dignity in employment, and which would allow the Government to arbitrate and to settle strikes peacefully.

The Government would renew, with the support of Parliament, the formal undertaking to watch over the maintenance of a balanced budget, and an energetic defence of national currency, with freedom of money, and within the agreement between Britain, France and America.

General Gamelin, who has been Vice-President of the Supreme War Council, has been appointed Chief of Staff of National Defence. General Jacomet, Secretary-General of the War Ministry, has been appointed Secretary-General of National Defence.—*Reuter's Special*.

BIG CONFIDENCE VOTE

Paris, Jan. 21.
The Chamber of Deputies, by a big majority, passed a vote of confidence in the Chautemps Government.

U.S. Votes Record Navy Construction

Washington, Jan. 21.

Without changing a single item recommended by the Naval Appropriations Sub-Committee, the House of Representatives to-day, by a vote of 283 to 15, passed to the Senate the peace-time record sum of \$555,202,494, for naval appropriations.—*United Press*.

Earlier in the debate, the Socialists and Communists had assured the Government of their support.—*United Press*.

DEFENCE DECREES APPROVED

Paris, Jan. 21.
The Cabinet this morning approved the decrees of M. Edouard Daladier, the new Defence Minister, governing the co-ordination of the three defence services.

The actual defence programmes will continue to be framed irrespective of the Ministers, but the final decisions will rest with a committee, headed by M. Daladier. It is expected General Gamelin will be chief of the National Defence Staff.—*Reuter's Special*.

WAR CAUSES SHARP SLUMP IN EXPORTS

But Colony's Commerce Best Since Years of Depression

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

Had Japan not gone to war with China in July her exports to this Colony for the year 1937 would have been an all time record, and would have placed her in an unassailable and predominant position in Hongkong's market.

For the first eight months of 1937 her exports to Hongkong exceeded those for the whole of 1936, which was a record year. Imports from Hongkong, during the first eight months of the year were also in excess of the total imports during 1936.

Hongkong's imports of Japanese goods, and exports to Japan, have been negligible since the Sino-Japanese conflict commenced, and one of Japan's really valuable markets has been lost.

BRITISH TRAIN DISASTER

One Killed, 25
Injured

London, Jan. 21.

One was killed and 25 injured when a passenger train from London was involved in a head-on collision at the junction at North Bedford.
Both engines were derailed and five coaches damaged. Three ambulances rushed the injured to Bedford Hospital.
The northbound train was travelling at a speed estimated to be 60 miles an hour.—*Reuter*.

ROOSEVELT CLARIFIES POLICY

Claims Parleys With
Businessmen Have
Yielded Progress

Washington, Jan. 21.

President Franklin Roosevelt held a press conference to-day at which he clarified his views concerning holding companies by restricting the made last week to non-operating utility and holding companies. He specifically excluded bank-stock holding companies, which were not of the management company type.

The President said recent business conferences had been very helpful and had cleared the atmosphere. Questioned as to the prospect of the new advisory group, the President said he could not give facts, but he and his recent visitors had been trying to work out ways and means from various economic groups to get together and exchange information. President Roosevelt revealed that the question of the extension of credit and new investment facilities was discussed at the advisory council meeting, and added that businessmen, with whom he had talked so far were learning to see matters from a national viewpoint, and not only from the standpoint of their own problems. He indicated that this was a distinct progress.

Asked to comment on the resentment of some of the Labour leaders over his suggestion that Unions should publish their finances, President Roosevelt suggested that it would be worth while for everybody to study the British Trade Union system.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Thomas Black, who joined the Hongkong Civil Service in 1925, has been appointed Assistant General with effect from January 1.—*Reuter's Special*.

Imports from Japan for the year 1937 totalled \$58,044,000, while exports to Japan totalled \$20,040,000, compared with \$58,038,556 and \$17,955,211 respectively in 1936.

Excluding bullion and treasure, Japanese goods comprised over ten per cent. of the total imports into the Colony during the year, this despite the fact that Japan's trade since August has been purely nominal. In the first six months of 1937, H.K. imports from Japan totalled \$30,000,000, whilst in the second half of the year they totalled only \$19,800,000. December imports from Japan, valued at \$1,500,000, were the lowest since the 1932 boycott.

STARTLING DECREASE

Exports to Japan have decreased in equally startling fashion. For the first six months of 1937 we exported goods to the value of \$14,300,000, whilst in the second half of the year exports had dropped to \$7,500,000.

Exports for October, November and December averaged less than \$700,000 per month, compared with last year's average of over \$2,000,000 a month.

For the first six months of 1937 Japan proved Hongkong's best customer. For the last three months of the year she has ranked amongst the worst.

Apart from Japan, Hongkong's imports and exports for 1937 are on a scale unprecedented since the depression.

Imports from all countries totalled \$1,005,122,222, averaging over \$1,100 per capita of population, whilst exports totalled \$862,549,245.

Included in the imports was treasure and bullion to the value of \$380,448,855. Included in the exports was treasure and bullion to the value of \$395,220,524.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

Had Japan maintained the Hongkong markets captured from China, Great Britain and other nations during the early months of 1937, her total trade with the Colony is anticipated, would have shown a 33 per cent. increase over last year's record figures.

Negligible or no exports have been made to Hongkong since August in the following Japanese articles which formerly had a strong hold on the local market:

Cement, glass sheets, Chinese medicines, Awabi, Conpoy, Cuttle

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BRITONS ESCAPE AIR BOMBS

Salamanca, Jan. 21.

Insurgent aircraft to-day carried out the worst raid on Government headquarters since the war started. The British Agent, Sir Robert Hodgson, with members of his staff, narrowly escaped when the hotel windows, from which they were watching the raid were shattered by a bomb.

As far as is known, nine are dead and a score wounded. There were no British casualties.—*Reuter*.
A United Press message says that seven were killed and 50 wounded in a Castellon air raid.

Does he simply worship Daddy?

WELL, why shouldn't he, as long as his Daddy gives him something to worship?

Every child has seen so little, knows so little, he has to have some one to imitate and worship, and surely none can be so good as his father; his father who, above all people, wishes him well?

But the difficulty is, how about mummy? Daddy comes home when his work is all done, ready to dispense pennies, romp, and give really good advice over the model railway—somehow mummy never really seems to understand how the signals worked.

A small person, accustomed all day to his mother giving orders, is going to be very confused if when his father comes home the orders are no longer obeyed.

He feels what his father does is right, and therefore if his father argues with his mother, so will he. The result is a little boy who starts by being disobedient to his mother, and ends by being disobedient to every one.

SO daddy's part is not too easy if this hero worship is going to be good and not bad. It must never be at his wife's expense.

It is unfair if the father always out of many things. Ignorant, be it gives the treats, and the mother noted, not naughty. So when parents find a child has worship because of treats is bound done wrong, they should inquire of themselves if they are not to blame for not supervising his friends more fully. For not, in fact, having taken enough trouble.

Nor must children ever be allowed to "play off" their father against their mother. Each parent must always back up the other's orders in front of the child. They must behave as one person, and then the child will have a fine example of good temper and harmony to copy, and no excuse for disagreeableness and bad temper.

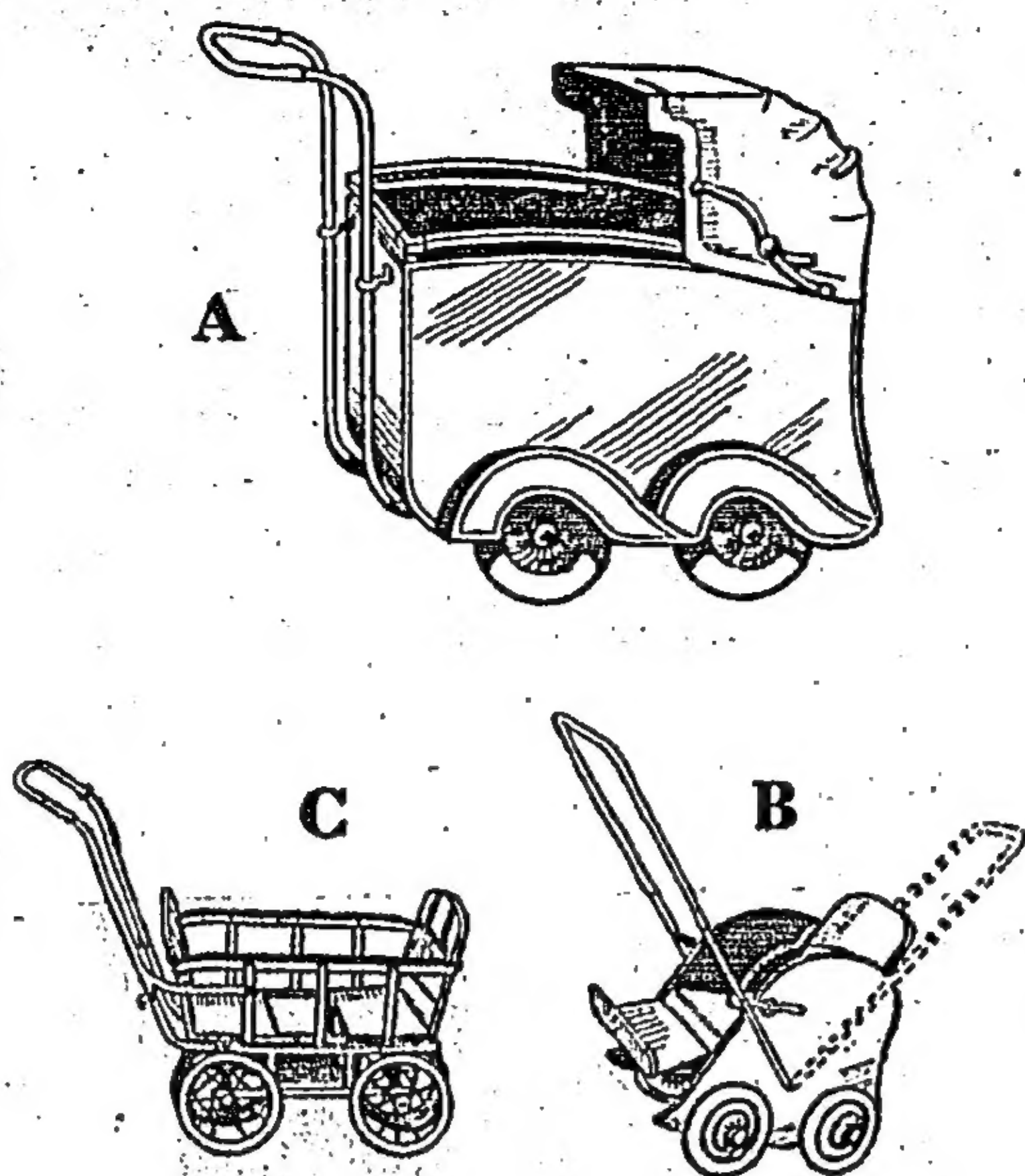
It is when we get the strange new companions of school life that difficulties really begin. It is excellent that Johnny should admire Jack for climbing trees, or example, he will keep his in-playing football so well, or being enthusiastic with John by sharing his good at sums.

But again there is a very big BUT, while daddy has been able to mind his step if he has wanted all his master's characteristics, to Jack will obviously not take this trouble on Johnny's behalf.

A forceful bad companion can and more on his own judgments, lead a child a long way in the daddy, the hero, will only change wrong direction, even to lying and into that much nicer thing, daddy stealing, because the child is ignorant of the friend.

Talking about twins

Do twins stutter more often than the single child? Mildred Freiburg, Berry, who combed four Chicago hospitals for stutters, believes they do. She found, too, that, even if the stutterer wasn't a twin, there were twins in the family. Left-handedness is also common in twins, and left-handed children who are trained to use their right hands, often stutter. Many people think that the tendency to produce twins is inherited. Left-handedness is probably inherited. Therefore, says Mildred Berry, there is probably an hereditary element in stuttering. In any case, psychologists and speech experts can cure stutters, which is really all that matters.



Dutch Babies go about in These

FIGURE A shows you the sort of pram Princess Juliana's baby will be wheeled in.

It is deep-set with small wheels. The framework and fittings are of chromium, panels are veneered—and a safety glass or mica window rests right over the baby to keep out dust and rain. Dutch mothers like streamlined perambulators.

When the baby gets older, the Dutch mother starts looking in the shops at the "wagentjes," or "walking cars" (picture B).

The foot-rest is movable, and so is the back. The handle moves, so that the mother can either push the car with the baby facing her or else push it with the baby looking in front.

Fashionable model walking car about Amsterdam at moment is shown in picture C. It serves either for twins, who sit and face each other, or else for one baby, who can lie down—the foot-rest being moved up to form an equal surface with the seats.

In France they call them

"Points Noirs" STEWS

—here we call them blackheads—masses of unclean matter which have clogged up the pores. Usually the nose and chin are the pet places for them.

Blackheads seem to flourish only where the skin is greasy, and the nose is the greatest part of the face. Only the strictest hygienic attention to the parts of your face which are affected can put it right.

First, boil a kettle of water and hold your face over the steam. This helps to make your skin more supple. Now take a large pad of cotton wool, dip it in warm water, then spread a liberal supply of good hard soap on it and rub round and round the affected part of your face.

Use several pieces of cotton wool, throwing away each one as you use it, so that no infection can be spread.

After thoroughly washing with soap, pat the face well with a pad of cotton wool, then, holding a cloth in your fingers, gently remove the blackheads.

Dab with Lemon

Roll a little cotton wool round the end of an orange stick, cut a lemon in half and stick your orange stick into it so that you get the cotton wool soaked with lemon juice.

Touch each pore where there was a blackhead with the lemon juice (if the skin is inclined to be dry) and do the same thing, using pure alcohol, if the skin is inclined to be greasy. Remember to change the cotton wool after touching each pore.

The fact that you have blackheads proves that your skin is not as healthy as it should be. Keep it scrupulously clean. Massage it well before you go to bed each night and blackheads will have little chance to make headway.

TO make a good brown stew cut up the meat into pieces and put these in a large pie-dish. Simmer the bones and use the liquor instead of water. Peel a couple of good onions and slice over the meat. Slice as well 1/2 lb. of tomatoes and put them in the dish with the meat and onions. Season to liking, cover with the stock and put in the oven for an hour. Brown and thicken the gravy.

A Mixed Stew

Some people like mixed stews. Here is a good recipe for a mixed stew.

Use 1/2 lb. each of beef kidney, pork, mutton, and veal, cutting into neat pieces. Slice up 1/2 lb. of potatoes, 1/2 lb. of onions, and 1/2 of carrots. Put a layer of vegetables in the pan, next a layer of meat, and fill up in this manner. Make the last layer one of vegetables. Season well, pour over some water, and simmer for about three hours, shaking the pan now and then to prevent burning.

Calf's foot makes a tasty stew. Joint a couple of feet, and put them in the pan with a sliced onion, pepper, and salt to taste, a bunch of herbs, and a pint of cold water. Let the calf's feet simmer gently for from two to three hours until quite tender. Ten minutes before serving add two tablespoonfuls of bread-crumbs and a tablespoonful of chopped parsley. Shake the pan well and serve on a hot dish.

SHOPPING: NEW STYLE

QUITE a lot of shopping in Spain just now has to be done by advertising—not the displayed goods offering bargains to discerning housewives by the large stores suggestive of peaceful times, but pathetic little lines by women unwilling or unable to spend hours in the necessary food queues so familiar in war time.

One advertisement the other day announced:—"With to hear of someone who can provide me with fish. I will pay the price, asked and will give in exchange: rice, peas, oil, sugar, Write...."

Another anxious housewife who appears to have possessed a goodly store of soap in her more comfortable housekeeping days, announces:—"Shoes wanted—any kind of soap in exchange." Quite a number of these new style shopping advertisements appear as frequently as the newspapers themselves.

That Bad Luck Bogey

QUITE familiar to most of us is the woman whose constant and rueful remark is, "You know I never get any luck."

She pours out her woes to all and sundry, and at first you pity her. Later on you learn that three-quarters of her ill-luck is imaginary and that she is no worse off than the rest of us.

"You always get the bargains. They never show me frocks like that," she says enviously. You control yourself, but think inwardly, "No, because you wouldn't look at such cheap frocks."

"Where do you get such pretty shoes? and they look comfortable too." This remark comes after a day's intensive shoe-shopping in about six shops. Being now a hardened cynic, you reflect that feet of size 6 will not comfortably go into shoes size 4 1/2.

She is so sorry for herself that you feel she is hard done by until you recollect her numerous expensive clothes and the exciting outings to which she is so often treated.

A Fatalistic Attitude

As soon as she is inside a cinema, you hear a snort of disgust, and "Good gracious! If I had known it was this sort of thing I would not have come. Isn't it strange there is never anything decent on when I come here?"

When she drops in on you, panting, having lost the last bus home, because she "had" to try some exclusive hat on, a busy housewife is apt to lose patience with such bad luck, and to reflect that she cannot take the day off whenever she chooses.

When in the company of such unlucky people for long, you reflect that the bad luck is not theirs but yours! But they have repeated that they are unlucky for so long that they are hypnotised into believing it.

Another time, such a woman will bemoan her failure to find a smaller house, when you realise quite well that her pride would not let her live in a smaller house, however compact and labour-saving.

She always pleads poverty, or her family have robbed her over some share in an ancestor's will. At first you think she has been very unfortunate. When you know her well enough, you are not surprised to find that the poverty like the ill-luck is imaginary.

We all have our portions of bad luck, but the persons who exaggerate her misfortunes and imagines ill which are non-existent is rapidly going to lose her friends.

Alice Balfour.

RECIPE FROM CORNWALL SAVOURY PIE

HERE is an old Cornish recipe that is very tasty.

Scraps of cooked pork. Applesauce or thinly sliced apple. Onion.

Preparation: the potatoes and onions and slice them very thinly.

Have ready a greased pie dish and spread a layer of potato, a layer of chopped onion, a sprinkling of herbs and seasoning and a layer of pork pieces about an inch square.

Cover with a layer of apple sauce or thinly sliced apples and then another layer of potatoes. Add a few dabs of butter. Repeat this process until the pie dish is full. Finish off with a layer of potatoes and dabs of butter.

Put in a slow oven for an hour, then turn up the gas for ten minutes. Add more dabs of butter and return to the oven until the top layer of potatoes is nicely browned and crisp.

Dress designers are tired of the mat vogue and have reverted to shiny materials. Indeed, satins are seen in almost all collections, though the white satin evening uniform of last summer will not hold through this season.

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4 eggs, 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup milk, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, 1/2 cup white sugar, 4 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla. Cream the butter and sugar, add the egg well beaten, milk, flour sifted in with baking powder and vanilla. Bake in a medium oven for about half an hour, then turn out on a large plate. You can eat it hot as a pudding, or cold as a cake; it tastes equally good both ways.



Has anyone an old SEWING MACHINE?

A widowed mother has to support her children. She is destitute but could earn enough for them by sewing. Could anyone help with an old SEWING MACHINE?

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FORMAMINT

Ice-Floe Scientists Facing Catastrophe

Dramatic Radio Message As They Drift From Frozen Water Towards Mass Of Icebergs



PHOTOGRAPH BY JAPAN.—Clearing their shelves of more than 200 boxes of Japanese merchandise, 109 merchants of East Liverpool, Ohio, piled the boxes on a hilltop and set them afire. The action was in line with the boycott backed by A. F. of L. President William Green. Above, the packages are about to be fired. In a short time only ashes remained.

Human Robot Astonishes The Newspapers

German Babies 'Earn Money'

By A Correspondent

FOR an hour recently I watched an electric robot do its tricks, and I wouldn't like to swear that it was a robot—and not a human being in a trance.

Just over from Germany, where it took seven years to produce, the robot entertained a group of London business men, and when asked by the inventor, "Well, is it a human being or a robot?" not one of them was prepared to give a straight answer.

Of course, they were not allowed to touch it, but from five feet away you couldn't tell whether the eyes were not real or whether the face was not a flesh and blood one.

Here are some of the things the robot, handsome and smartly dressed as a young man-about-town, did:—

It got up from a chair and walked the length of the room. It took off his—pardon, its—felt hat with a gracious bow. It smoked a cigarette. Blow smoke through its nose. It drank a glass of water. Picked up the glass from a table and returned it.

It munched a piece of cake. Adam's apple distinctly moved. Then it started every one by saying in perfect English, "Hullo. How do you do?" Voice was squeaky, lips moved.

Berlin.

For her "more babies" drive, Germany, it was announced today, has earmarked £12,000,000 to be distributed in marriage loans and baby bonuses.

At present all fathers with an income less than £10 a month receive 10s. for each succeeding child under sixteen years. Under the new regulations fathers making up to £30 a month will get 10s. a month for their third and fourth children, and £1 a month for each additional child. More than 2,000,000 children will come under the scheme.

ENGLISH LISTENERS HEAR THE CALL

EXPLORERS TALK OF RESCUE PLANS

A LONDON SUNDAY EXPRESS representative, sitting in the newspaper's radio station on the Surrey Hills, heard one of the most dramatic radio messages ever sent out.

It came from the four Russian scientists who are living in a tent pitched on an ice-floe nine feet thick and two square miles in area drifting in the Arctic.

The scientists are Ivan Papanin, leader; Eugene Federoff, meteorologist; Pyotr P. Shirshov, hydrologist, and Ernest Krenkel, radio operator.

They landed on the floe on May 21. Since then they have drifted nearly 700 miles southward in the grip of the irresistible Polar stream. They are now fearful that they will be hurled to destruction on the dangerous coasts of North-East Greenland, with its tumbled mass of grinding icebergs.

On The North Pole

When the four men landed they were exactly geographically on the North Pole.

Here is the scientists' message:—"Please do not think we are in a hurry to leave. We expect to return to Moscow in March or April, when we have finished our original plan for exploration."

"In the last two months our floe has drifted much faster than we expected, and the direction of its drift has changed from south-east to south-west."

"As a result we have drawn closer to Greenland and turned from the original course towards the middle of the Greenland Sea."

Papanin, sender of the message, describes the alarm of his comrades and himself, and how the floe might be crunched to pieces amid the gigantic mountains of ice.

"Fearful of this, we have redoubled our watch and have carefully studied the movements of the ice."

"We have prepared a complete set of extra equipment for use in the event of a catastrophe."

Papanin says an offer from the Greenland Whale Hunting Company to use their food bases on the eastern shore of Greenland has been declined with thanks.

"We will try to stay on our floe as long as our supply of food lasts, and we have all that we think we need."

When The Ice-Floe Melts

Papanin went on to detail the preparations which have been made, with the help of the authorities in Moscow, to rescue the expedition, when the time comes.

SHIPPING RECORD FOR 1938?

1,750,000 TONS WORK GUARANTEED

By HECTOR C. BYWATER

Despite the dearth of new merchant contracts during recent months, the shipbuilding industry is looking forward to a moderately prosperous New Year.

It is estimated that in 1938 shipyards will be engaged on merchant and naval work equivalent to an output of 1,750,000 tons gross. This total is virtually guaranteed by contracts actually booked or, in the case of Admiralty work, definitely known to be impending.

Admiralty contracts already placed represent employment for at least three years ahead. They are about to be supplemented by orders for four cruisers and eight destroyers with a gross value of nearly £11,000,000.

Further, the Navy Estimates for 1938 will produce another large batch of orders. According to unofficial forecasts, they will include three 35,000-ton battleships, seven cruisers and 16 destroyers, besides many submarines and light surface vessels. With few exceptions, these ships will be built in private yards.

A welcome addition to next year's work is provided by the contract just placed by the Brazilian Government for six destroyers of 1,350 tons. The total value of this order, which is to be shared equally by J. G. White and Co. of Cowes, Thornycrofts of Southampton and Vickers-Armstrongs, is £2,500,000.

PHONE-TELEVISION NEAR

London.

An experimental telephone-television service may be established by the British post office early this year. The service will be extended to other parts of the country, and will enable people to see and hear each other on the telephone.

The icebreaker Murmanets will leave Murmansk immediately for the Arctic to act as scout for the inhabitants of the ice-floe. She will go up to the ice-floe when it reaches the unfrozen sea.

The southernmost edge of the floe will then be gradually melting. The Murmanets will radio information to the scientists on how near their floe is approaching this danger point.

When the long Northern Night ends, a second ice-breaker Yermak will leave Murmansk and sail up to the ice barrier somewhere between Greenland and Spitzbergen, which is the point where the scientists' fantastic "voyage" is expected to end.

The Yermak will force its way through broken pack ice, as far as it can get. Then it will release an airplane, which will pick up the scientists.

NAVY NEED 16,000 MEN FOR NEW WARSHIPS

The Navy is trying to enlist between 16,000 and 17,000 young men and boys this year to train for the new warships which will be completed in 1941.

This is nearly seven times as many recruits as were allowed to enter in 1930.

Last year 11,508 were entered. Hampshire provided the most new recruits, 1,074; sea-faring counties, Kent and Devon, were third and fourth with 819 and 690.

METEOROLOGISTS TO CONFER

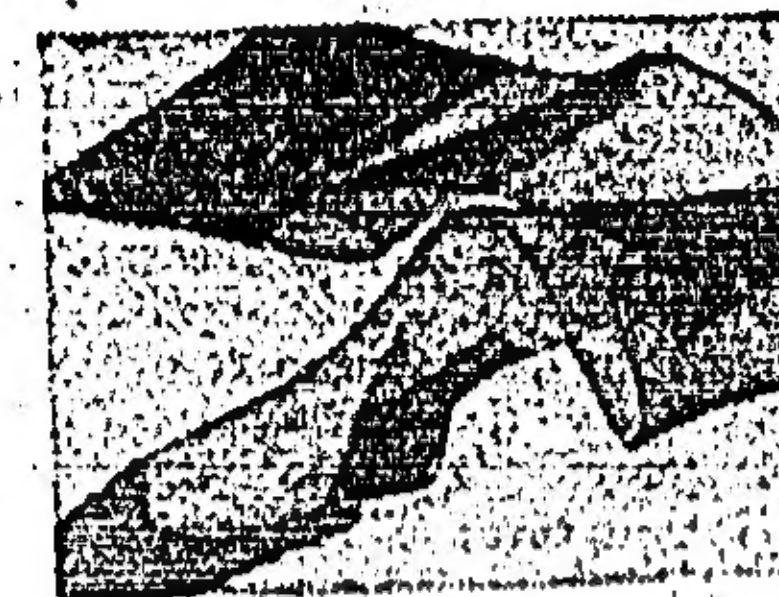
Wellington.

A conference of meteorological experts of various countries is to meet here shortly.

The task is to discuss the development of meteorological services in the south-west Pacific, largely in view of the anticipated establishment of a new air base at Auckland.

3rd Week Specials

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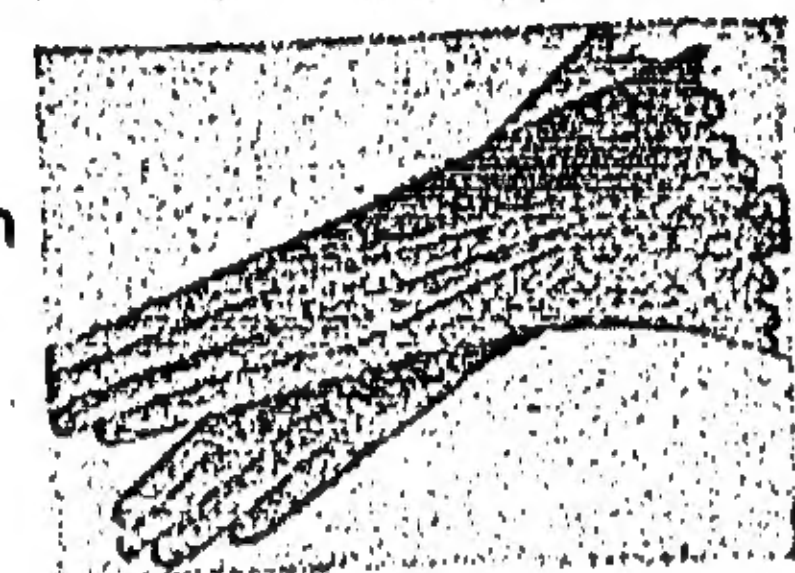
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Suede finish fabrics with very smart gauntlets. All colours

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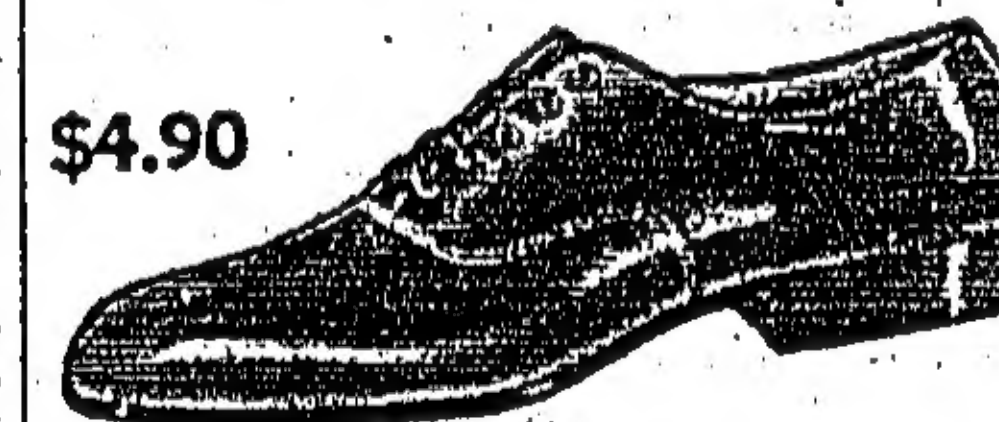
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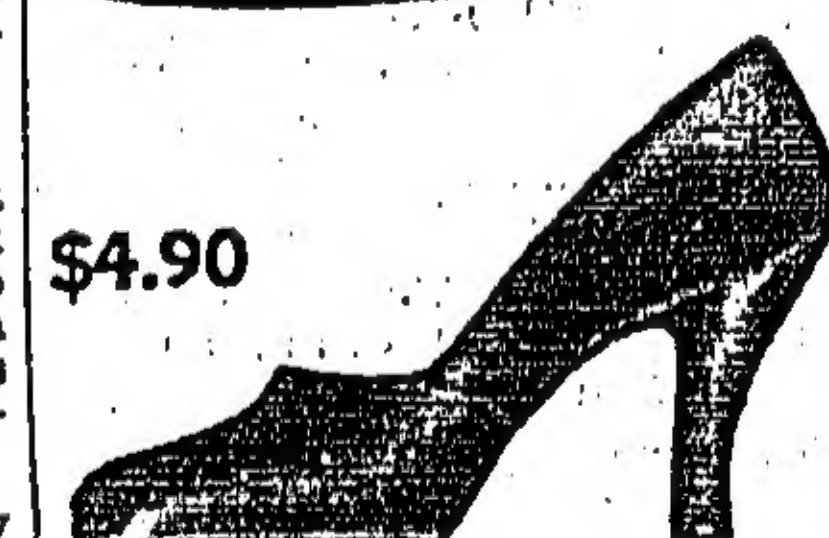
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Patent leather dancing oxford in high class material. Light leather sole and heel provided for gassy motion.



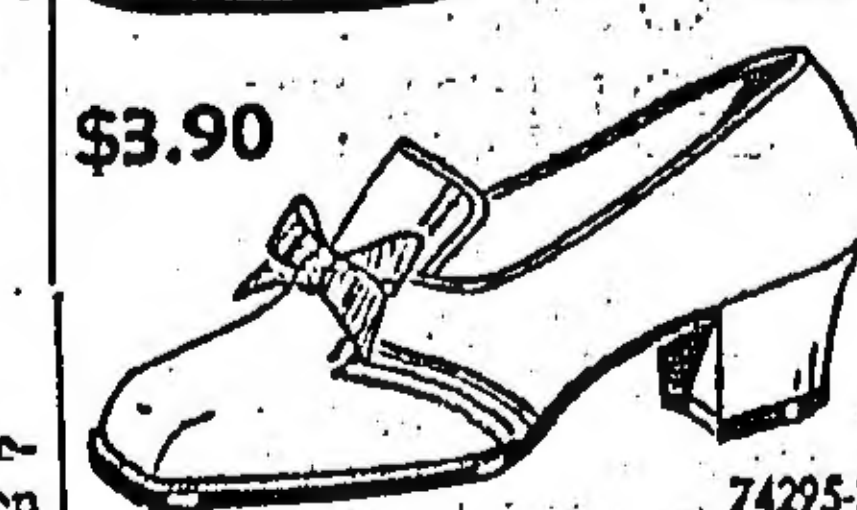
\$4.90

Ladies' white satin court with leather sole. The proper evening dress shoes. Can be dyed to any colour.



\$3.90

A new design of imitation suede lace-up shoes with refined rubber sole and low heel. In all colours.



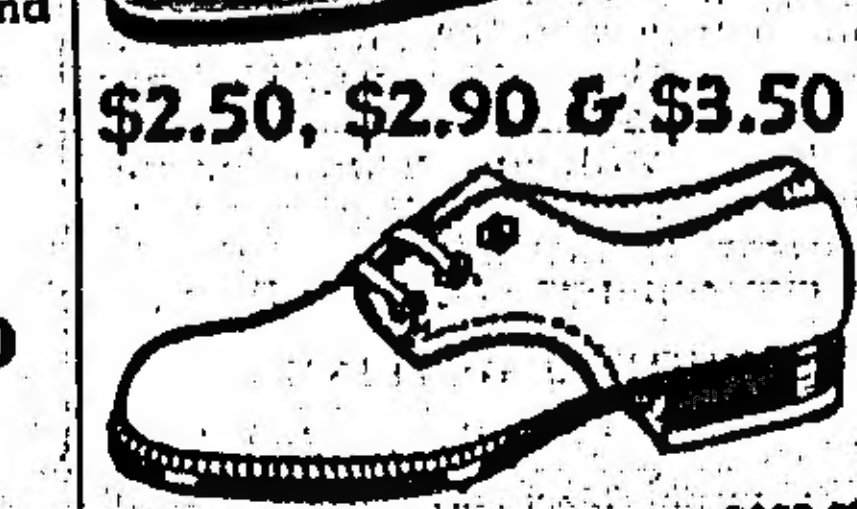
\$3.90

Imitation suede in brown or navy blue with refined rubber sole and square fitting cap.



\$3.90

Brown or black box-calf derby for school boys. A durable shoe with strong leather sole.



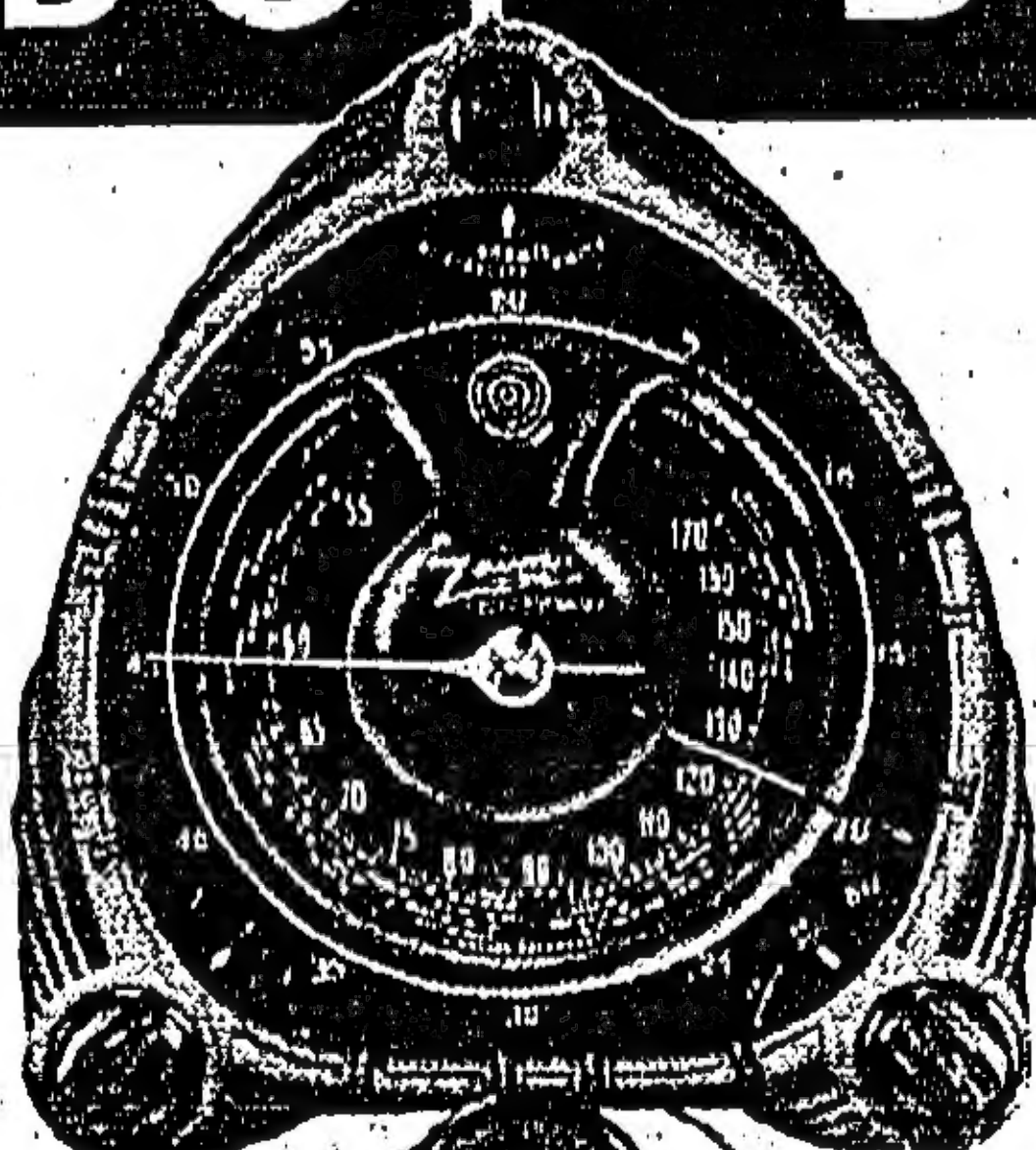
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Boys' walking shoe of dull box calf in brown or black. Durable rubber sole and heel of one piece rubber.

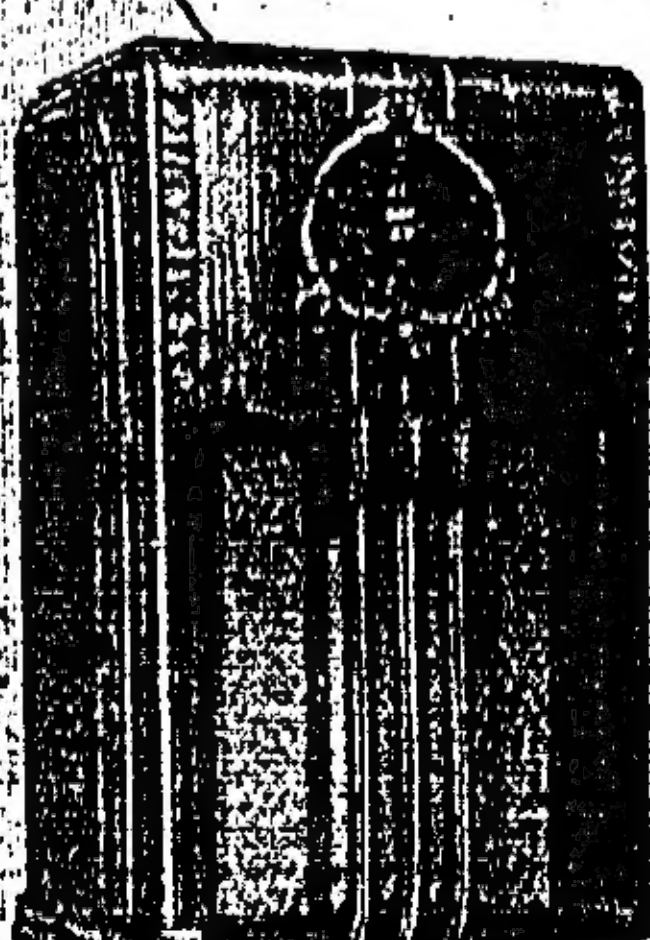
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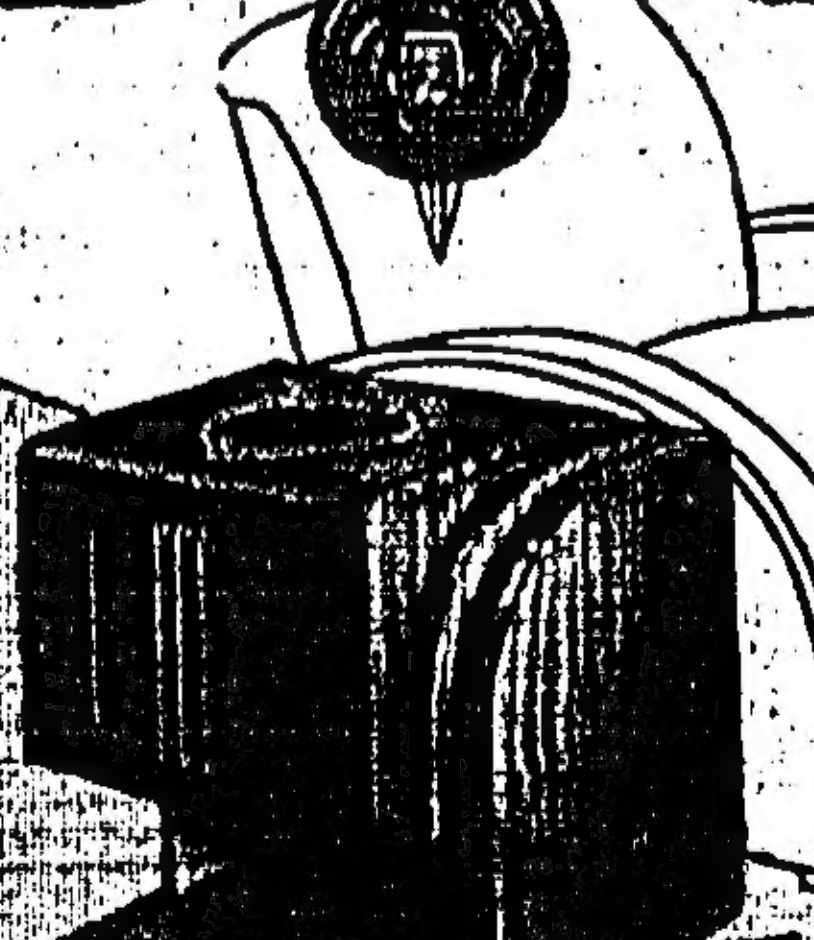
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CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Meeting of General Committee

The following are the forthcoming services at the Methodist Church, Wanchai:

Sunday Services, January 23. Preachers: Morning, Rev. J. E. Sandbach; Evening, Rev. I. Musgrave, B.A.

Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church. Hymns: 664, 677, 607, 475, 70.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church. Hymns: 658, 309, 451, 10.

Notices for the Week

- Following the Evening Service, a Social Hour will be held at 8.15. Refreshments are provided at minimum charges. Servicemen and civilians are all warmly welcomed.
- The L.C.A. will meet in the Assembly Hall of the "S. & S. Home" on Monday afternoon at three o'clock.
- The Badminton Club meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from the Secretary of the "S. & S. Home."
- The General Committee will meet in the Assembly Hall of the "S. & S. Home" on Wednesday, at 5.30.

UNION CHURCH

Members Invited to Form A Company of Boys' Brigade

S.A.C.A. MEETING

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Union Church:

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m. Preacher at Morning Service: Rev. A. Maclellan, Canton.

The S.A.C.A. meets in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

The Helena May Christian Fellowship meets in the Institute on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m.

It has been suggested that a Company of Boys' Brigade might be formed in connection with Union Church. Will any parents or boys who are interested in this suggestion please get in touch with either, Mr. L. Gibson, Taikeo Dockyard or the Minister?

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Church of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow Jan. 23 will be: "Truth." The Golden Text will be: "Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, full of suffering and mercies in mercy and in truth" (Ps. 86).

Among others, the following citations will be read from the Bible: "I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations, for thy mercy is great unto the heavens and thy truth unto the clouds. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory." (Ps. 57, Isa. 45).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good and the nothingness of evil. Because Truth is infinite, error should be known as nothing. Because Truth is omnipotent in goodness, error, Truth's opposite, has no might. Evil is but the counterpoise of nothingness. The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right. The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal." (Pages 293, 307).

Announcement

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays continued and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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of the Sale by Public Auction, to be held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value	Approx. Value
Reg. No.	N. E. S. W.	Acres	£	\$
1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
2	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
3	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
4	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
5	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
6	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
7	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
8	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
9	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250
10	100 ft. by 100 ft.	0.23	250	4,250

Course of Nine Public Lectures

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

The Seventh lecture of this course will be given in the China Fleet Club Theatre

Monday, 24th January, 1938. at 5.30 p.m.

Subject:—Protection of Buildings against gas.

Lecturer:—Capt. R. R. Gillespie, R.E.

Open to all members of the public without charge.

Programmes of the course of lectures may be obtained on application to the Extra Assistant Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office.

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NATIONAL UNITY SOUGHT

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Officials, preparing for the resumption of the Diet on Saturday, emphasised the necessity of national unity in order to avoid misunderstandings with Third Powers while punishing the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Prince Konoye, addressing the prefectural Governors communicated to them the Government's policy for continued warfare, and said: "Japan is determined to give her best efforts to correct any country's misunderstandings, and also to enlighten any country which might encourage or assist anti-Japanese elements which are increasing the Oriental crisis. Japan joins hands with any nation for the establishment of permanent peace in the Orient if that nation co-operates with our country."—United Press.

HIROTA'S OUTLINE

Tokyo, Jan. 22.

It is understood that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hirota, in his Diet speech will mention the four point terms submitted by Japan to Chiang Kai-shek's administration through Germany and describe the circumstances of failure of the peace negotiations.—Reuter.

Yangtse River Vessel Here

Built specially for the Yangtse River trade, the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's twin-screw steamer Pingwo, 3,105 tons, has arrived in Hongkong.

It is believed that this is the first occasion in many years that a Yangtse River ship has visited Hongkong. The future of the Pingwo has not yet been decided, it is understood. The vessel will leave for Canton this week-end with a cargo of Company's stores, and a decision regarding her future will probably be made after her return to this port. It is possible that she may be temporarily placed in service between Hongkong and Canton.

The Pingwo was built in Shanghai in 1922, and has since been employed on the Shanghai-Hankow service.

Japanese Steamship Co., Resumes Service

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

The Nishin Kisen Kaisha announced that it resumes service between Shanghai, Tsingtau, Tientsin and Dairen early in February.

The service has been suspended since the beginning of the hostilities in Shanghai.

The Nishin Kisen Kaisha has been a heavy sufferer as a result of the war, more than ten ships being seized by the Chinese for bounties in the Whangpoo and the Yangtse.—Reuter.

FREED ON CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Although a Coroner's Jury had accused him of manslaughter, Lo Chi, 24, was set free by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the Crown offering no evidence.

Lo had been arrested on November 19, following a quarrel he had with an 18-year-old youth, Li Chitun, on board a ferry as it was berthing at Kowloon City.

Yesterday, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, recalled that Lo had been charged with manslaughter, but medical examination showed that Li had died of heart failure and lobar pneumonia. The doctor was not prepared to testify whether the fight accelerated his death, though it may possibly have done so.

An inquest was then held, before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett in the second court. There the Jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Lo. Mr. Williams said he had gone into the case again, and after consultation with the Attorney General, had come to the conclusion that it would be a waste of time to continue with the case.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.
Paris.....	144 1/2	141 1/2
Geneva.....	21.63 1/2	21.63 1/2
Berlin.....	12.41	12.41
Athens.....	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan.....	55	55
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	19.40	19.40
Oslo.....	22.00	22.00
Helsinki.....	22.00	22.00
Shanghai.....	1/2	1/2
New York.....	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam.....	8.97 1/2	8.97 1/2
Prague.....	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/10	1/10
Bombay.....	1/10	1/10
Montevideo.....	25	25
Rio de Janeiro.....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot).....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward).....	20 1/2	20 1/2
War Loan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2

—British Wireless.



"Don't think I'll stop writing because I've lost my job."

"THE LIFE OF ZOLA"—A Warner Bros. Picture coming to Hongkong shortly. A serialisation of the story of the film is on Page 14 of this issue of the "Telegraph".

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Jan. 21.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market has been discouraged by the outlook for a further curtailment in automobile production, in the face of an otherwise favourable situation. Apparently the market was not materially affected by the President's conference with the leaders of the auto industry. Ward's statistical service reports that the week's output of automobiles amounted to 65,418, which is slightly below the output of the previous week, while it is predicted that the February output will be below that of January. It is rumoured that the Chrysler works will shut down two weeks, commencing on January 25th. Favourable factors to-day were the rise in car-loadings and reports that the Ford Company was re-hiring the men who had been laid-off around Christmas. The President's statement to the press with regard to holding companies did not apply to all, but only to non-operating companies. The outlook is good for a rise in steel prices next week. Demand is increasing for nearly all types of winter merchandise, due to the prevailing cold weather.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: Various issues were again in supply. The action of the market today was disappointing and prices look lower.

Cotton: The tone to-day was dull. Farm legislation is possible by February 1st. Press reports indicate that the President's attitude towards business is more conciliatory. Spots are quiet and the basis is firm. Textiles are dull, but prices are steady. Out of 9 leading brokers, 2 are bullish, 1 is bearish and 6 are neutral. Forwardings to mills for the week totalled 234,000 bales.

Wheat: This week's shipments from the Argentine and from Australia were small. Moisture was limited in most section of the Belt. The cash position is steady. Out of 8 brokers, 4 are bullish and 4 are bearish. In country offerings indicates the reluctance of farmers to sell at the current levels. Supplies, however, are ample and any advances in price are likely to attract increased offerings. Argentine supplies are reported to be very low.

Rubber: The belief is gaining that the International Restriction Committee will reduce the quotas and some estimate that the reduction will amount to 5%. The Trade is

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 21.

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton			
	Opening	Closing	Settling
March.....	8.54/84	8.48/49	8.52/22
May.....	8.61/60	8.57/57	
July.....	8.66/65	8.62/62	
October.....	8.75/75	8.73/73	
December.....	8.79/79	8.79/79	
Spot.....		8.58	

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber			
	Opening	Closing	Settling
March.....	15.12/13	15.04b/07a	15.22/22
May.....	15.29/29	15.23/29	
July.....	15.40/40	15.33b/35a	
September.....	15.52/53	15.43b/47a	
December.....		15.55 B	

Sales for the day:—3,230 tons.

Chicago Wheat			
	Opening	Closing	Settling
May.....	95 1/2/95 1/2	94 1/2/94 1/2	
July.....	90 1/2/90 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	
Sept.....		88 1/2/88 1/2	

Thursday's Sales:—10,625,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn			
	Opening	Closing	Settling
May.....	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	
July.....	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	
Sept.....		61 1/2/61 1/2	

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing	Settling
May.....	120 1/2/125 1/4	125 1/2/125 1/2	
July.....		117 1/2/117 1/2	
October.....		100 1/2/100 1/2	

reported to be selling against shipment purchases.

Hides: Manufacturers are reported to be buying spots. Reports from the Argentine indicate that large stocks are available there at below the last sales prices.

Sugar: The market is dull, but prices are fully steady.

Special

Car-loadings as compiled by the Association of American Railroads, for the week ended January 15, totalled 581,000 cars, an increase of 29,000 cars from the previous week.

Ward's Statistical Service estimates the production of cars and trucks in the United States and Canada during the week ended January 21, at 65,418 units, against 65,735 units the previous week.

Dow Jones Averages Jan. 20. Close			
	30 Industrials	20 Rails	40 Utilities
	132.33	30.45	29.80
	20.14	21.04	20.78
	90.55	90.10	90.10
	53.72	53.38	

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL TIMES

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 8.00 a.m. on Sunday. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

DUTY STAMPS

Green 5 cent stamp duty stamps were declared invalid for postage as from January 21, 1938. Any of these stamps remaining in the possession of individuals on that date will be exchanged on application at the General Post Office for an equal number of the current issue purple 5 cent postage stamps.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haliphong.....	G. G. Paul Doumer	January 22
Shanghai and Swatow.....	Klungchow	January 22
Bangkok.....	Yingchow	January 22
Amoy and Swatow.....	Yochow	January 22
Japan.....	Nako Maru	January 23
Robau.....	Friderun	January 24
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	January 24
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th December, 1937).	Pres. Garfield	January 24
Straits.....	Teucer	January 24
Japan.....	Alipore	January 25
Shanghai.....	Glenben	January 25
Japan.....	Memnon	January 25
Straits.....	Somali	January 25
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow.....	Telesias	January 25
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila, (Seattle, date 1st January).	Tsinau	January 25
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai, (Vancouver, B.C., date 8th Jan.).	President Jefferson	January 26
Japan.....	Empress of Asia	January 27
Amoy.....	Nellore	January 27
Calcutta and Straits.....	Shirala	January 27
Japan and Shanghai.....	Yuen-sung	January 27
Straits.....	Burdwan	January 28
Japan and Formosa.....	Conte Rosso	January 28
	Hakone Maru	January 28

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Haliphong, Pakhol and Haliphong.....	Kingyuan	Sat., Jan. 22, 2 p.m.
Shanghai.....	Ajax	Sat., Jan. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Saloon.....	Lycmoo	Sat., Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, 31st January.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—(Due Darwin, 30th January)	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 22, 5 p.m.

Sunday		
Swatow and Shanghai.....	Sochow	Sun., Jan. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa.....	Hongkong Maru	Sun., Jan. 23, 8 a.m.

Monday		
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kong-Tai Lee moon).	Taiyuan	Mon., Jan. 24, 11 a.m.
Amoy.....	France Orient Air-Andre Lebon	Tues., Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Air-Andre Lebon, ways Service"—due Marseilles, 6th Feb.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 24, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday		
Saigon, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd February.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Mon., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Mon., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.

Wednesday		
Swatow and Wuchow.....	Kongning	Tues., Jan. 25, 8.15 a.m.
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya.....	Tijnegara	Tues., Jan. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon and (Pakhol via Kong-moon).	On Lee	Tues., Jan. 25, 11 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam 3rd February.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 25, 12.30 p.m.

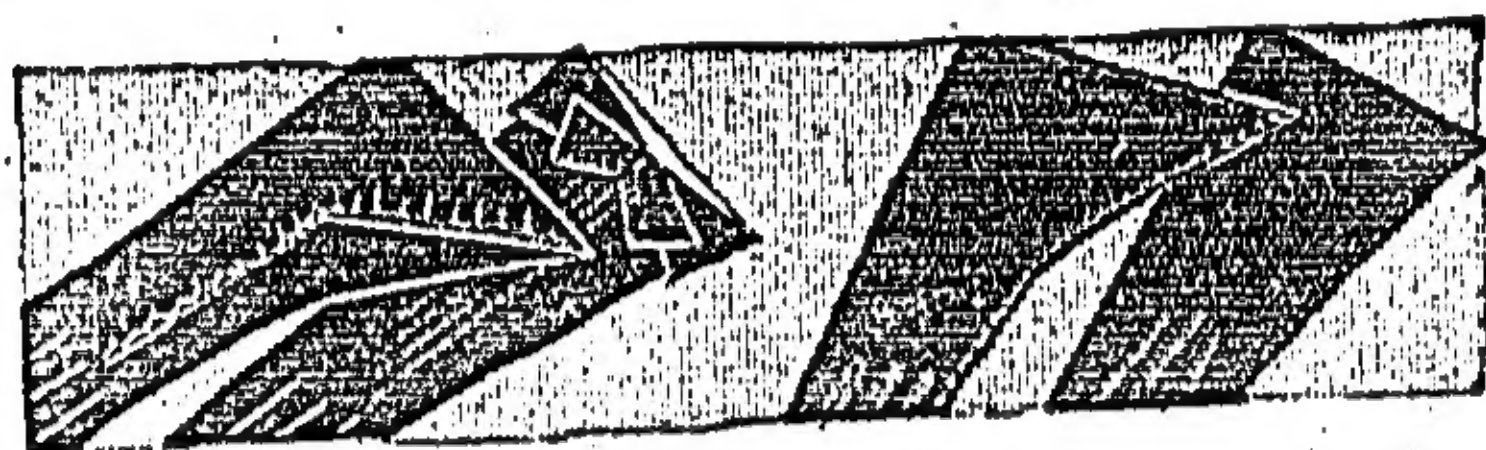
Thursday		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt Memnon and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 23rd February and London Parcels—due London 2nd March.	Reg., G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Jan. 25, 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong.....	G. G. Paul Doumer	Tues., Jan. 25, 2 p.m.

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Reg.,	Jan. 24, 5 p.
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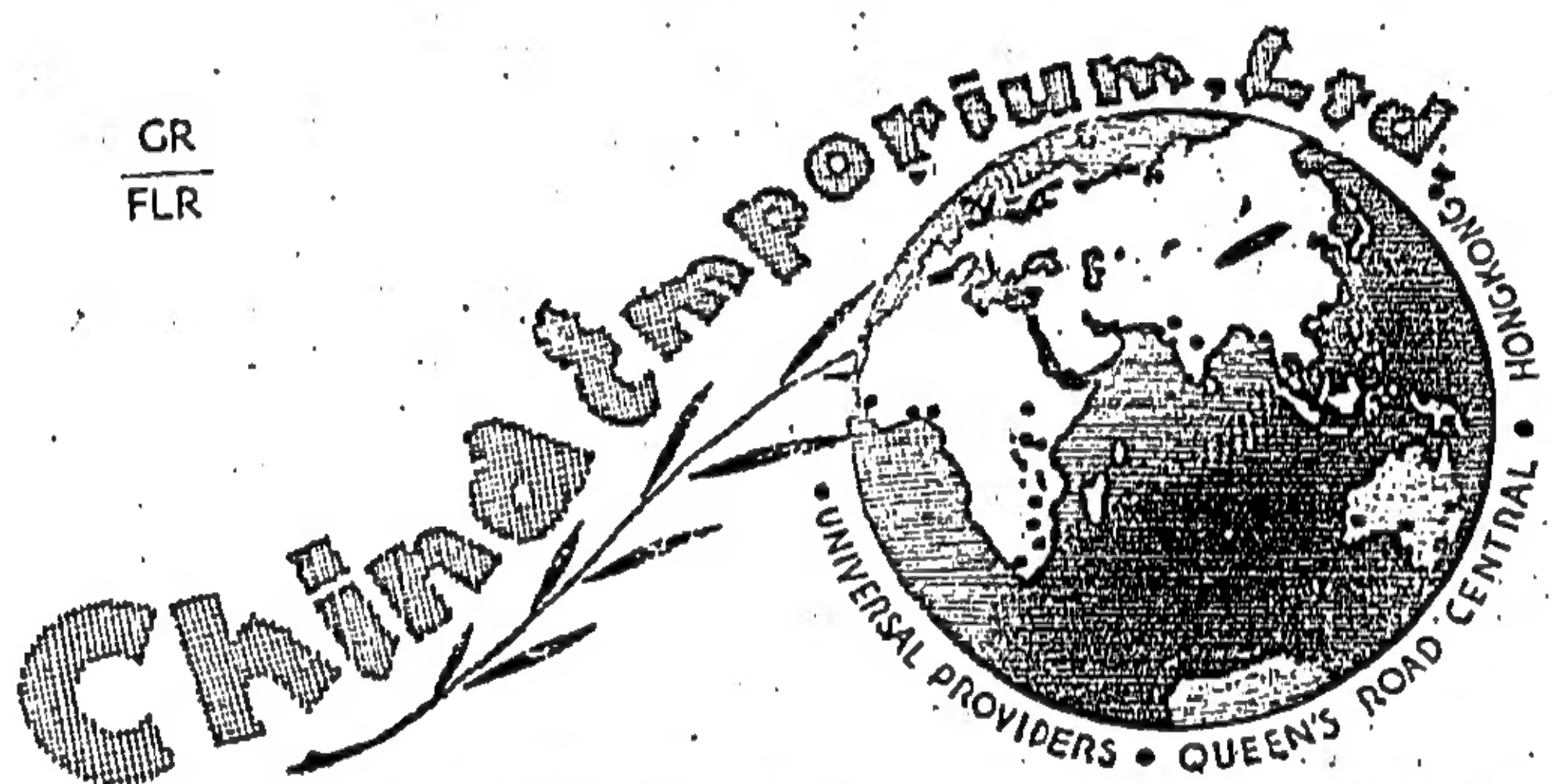


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By ANDREW KIDD

MR. ELY CULBERTSON DEALT THE CARDS AND PICKED UP HIS HAND.

"Yes, I have built up a £1,000,000 business on a pack of cards," he said, and then . . . "One spade."

I glanced nervously at my hand and then at the grim "playing" expression of Mr. Culbertson. We were playing in Mr. Culbertson's room in a London hotel.

"Two hearts," I said. "Hm" murmured the man who has made millions bridge-conscious, and I went cold.

"The Culbertsons Limited," he continued evenly, while I made frantic attempts to reassess my hand. "have a gross annual income averaging £150,000. One year it was as high as £200,000."

"I am president and managing director of the corporation; my wife is vice-president. We are employees of the corporation, and are both paid an annual salary of £8,000 plus expenses. . . . Two spades."

I took a look at the maestro. "No bid," I said, and asked a question about the future of the Culbertson corporation. (Mrs. Culbertson has gone to Reno to seek a divorce.)

"Your lead," said Mr. Culbertson to my partner. "We shall continue in our positions with the corporation after the divorce. . . ."

AN EQUAL PARTNER

"I have made a settlement out of court, voluntarily transferring one-half of my interests and holdings to Mrs. Culbertson and for our two children. Mrs. Culbertson will remain an equal partner in the business."

Mr. Culbertson took the trick, saying kindly:

"Must I tell you that the first thing to learn in bridge is observation? And, simultaneously, the ability to draw inferences. Please watch every card that is played."

He led a card.

"It has been arranged that by an irrevocable will I must leave the second half of my holdings to Mrs. Culbertson upon condition that the children, when they reach their majority, shall receive not more than £80 a month."

"King," said Mr. Culbertson to dummy. "On our death the balance

ENGLAND HAS MORE BIGAMISTS

London, Jan. 1.

Bigamy is apparently increasing throughout Britain.

According to Mr. Justice Charles, Judge of the King's bench division since 1928, bigamy this year is "an epidemic as bad as foot-and-mouth disease."

Statistics show that except for the war and post-war periods, bigamy is commoner now than at any other time in history. Nearly every one of the 20 country assizes had at least one bigamy case during the autumn session, while the Old Bailey alone listed 9 cases for the previous period. Several cases of bigamy in rural districts came to light when guilty women presented themselves to the court for the purpose of confessing. Percentages indicate that there are nearly 3 men to every woman bigamist.

Figures for 1935, the last completed record, showed 265 cases, compared with 256 for 1934 and 229 for 1933. Figures since those published in 1935 are expected to show a steady increase both for 1936 and 1937.

But they are not likely to overshadow the four "war years," 1915 to 1919. Those years bigamy averaged 405 per year whereas the four previous years had averaged only 123 per year.

Another huge increase in bigamy followed the war. Yearly averages for the period 1920 to 1924 were set at 506. Then followed a sharp decline.

According to the authorities, many of the bigamy cases during the war were due to hasty marriages, sometimes after only a few days' friendship. Post-war cases are attributed to unsettled conditions and undisciplined spirits.

But to-day bigamy cases can be generally divided into two groups. Firstly, men who make marriages a "racket," purely for the money involved; and secondly, those who cannot afford the costs of divorce, and who therefore take a chance on not being detected.

More lenient treatment of bigamists since the war is also thought to help increase the number of offenders. In 1935 exactly 60 bigamists were released on their own recognisance.

of our shares will revert to a special scientific foundation for research in physics."

He stacked up another trick. The future of the Culbertsons Limited—and it is now a corporation controlling a number of limited liability companies—is thus consolidated," said Mr. Culbertson frowning my only honour.

He cleaned up the remainder of the hand while he told me of the corporation's revenue resources. They include:

Sale of patented chemical-composition playing cards £50,000
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Daily articles of Mr. Culbertson syndicated in 170 American newspapers £10,000
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Advertising endorsements £4,000
Radio broadcasts £5,000
Moving picture shorts £5,000
Culbertson Studio of Teachers £5,000

There is also considerable revenue from bridge clubs up and down the United States.

He totted up the score which had nearly brought him in the same revenue, and then picked up the hand I had dealt.

"We employ a large staff at the Culbertsons Limited building in New York."

TASK FOR EXPERTS

"There is an elaborate organisa-

tion . . . complete even to a research department. Three no trumps.

"Six experts are employed continuously in the research department, working out modifications of the Culbertson system and testing unusual probabilities in the fall of the cards."

"Incidentally, that king of yours fell because you underrated the intelligence of your opponent. That is the second thing to remember in bridge."

He smiled and paused for breath. "It costs me approximately £8,000 a year to 'be polite,'" he continued after he had stacked up another two tricks.

I glanced apprehensively towards Mr. Culbertson's partner, but the bridge wizard was not thinking of the table. He explained:

"We have an average of 1,000 letters per day from bridge enthusiasts. Every letter must be answered. That means a big bill in postage, stationery and stenographers' salaries."

SELLING "GHOST"

Before Mr. Culbertson started the world with his bridge system he was a struggling teacher of psychology. Then he met and married Mrs. Culbertson.

"My wife, believing that there were too many psychology professors and too few good bridge masters, persuaded me to take up bridge as a career," I said.

"I have accomplished the seemingly impossible—selling to

the public an abstraction, a ghost, an idea."

He swept up the last trick and pulled the scoring block towards him.

"Game and rubber," said Mr. Culbertson. "All right, don't be alarmed. I never play for money . . . although I have made thousands of pounds out of cards."

"But here's a golden rule:

"If you must play for money, don't play to win. Play to lose. Take care of your losses and your winnings will look after themselves."

He smiled again. Automatically his hands strayed towards the pack and he shuffled the cards, flipping over the little pieces of pasteboard that had made for him £1,000,000.

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KILLER ACCUSES ACCOMPLICE: NIGHTMARE RIDE

Paris. Eugen Weidmann, the young German said to have confessed to six murders, including those of two women, was confronted with his alleged accomplice Million recently, and there was a dramatic scene.

Both men were questioned by the investigating magistrate in his office at Versailles.

Weidmann was asked about a list of matrimonial advertisements which, like Landru (the "French Bluebeard"), he placed in provincial newspapers.

One of them read: "Smart looking dark young man with captivating eyes desires make acquaintance of good-looking girl to spend a month on the Riviera."

"What did you want to do with these girls, kill and rob them, I suppose?" asked the judge.

"I REFUSE TO ANSWER"

"I don't know," replied Weidmann. Several letters, written in English and signed Coppex, Chrip and Hart, were found in Weidmann's "villa of death" at St. Cloud. The judge asked who these people were.

"I refuse to answer" was the retort.

The magistrate said to Weidmann: "You told me Million shot the theatrical agent, Le Blond. Do you still say so?"

"Yes," replied Weidmann calmly. "Million used my revolver. The letter to Le Blond to make an appointment with him was dictated to me by Million in a cafe."

RACED—WITH BODY IN CAR

"Million's father and his mistress, Collette Tricot (who is under arrest charged with complicity), were at another table in the cafe. After Million had shot Le Blond we put his

body in his own car and Million drove to Paris.

"I drove my own car. On the way he amused himself by passing my car several times, making signs with his hands."

"You are an abominable monster," shouted Million. "You dare to accuse me of that crime?" "It is no good shouting angry words at me," replied Weidmann. "You know perfectly well that I am telling the truth!"

All 'Robinsons' Barred by Russia

Washington. American tourists who took Baltic cruises last summer—notably those on the Gripsholm—returned to the United States with accounts that all passengers named Robinson, as well as various others, were refused permission to land on Russian soil, although they had obtained proper visas.

These stories are recalled here recently, as the "Robinsons"—the young couple claiming to be Americans who have disappeared in Moscow—spring into prominence, and indicate that as early as last summer the Russian authorities had their suspicions of persons bearing that name. Reports in Washington indicate that the couple travelled on passports obtained with fraudulent birth certificates.

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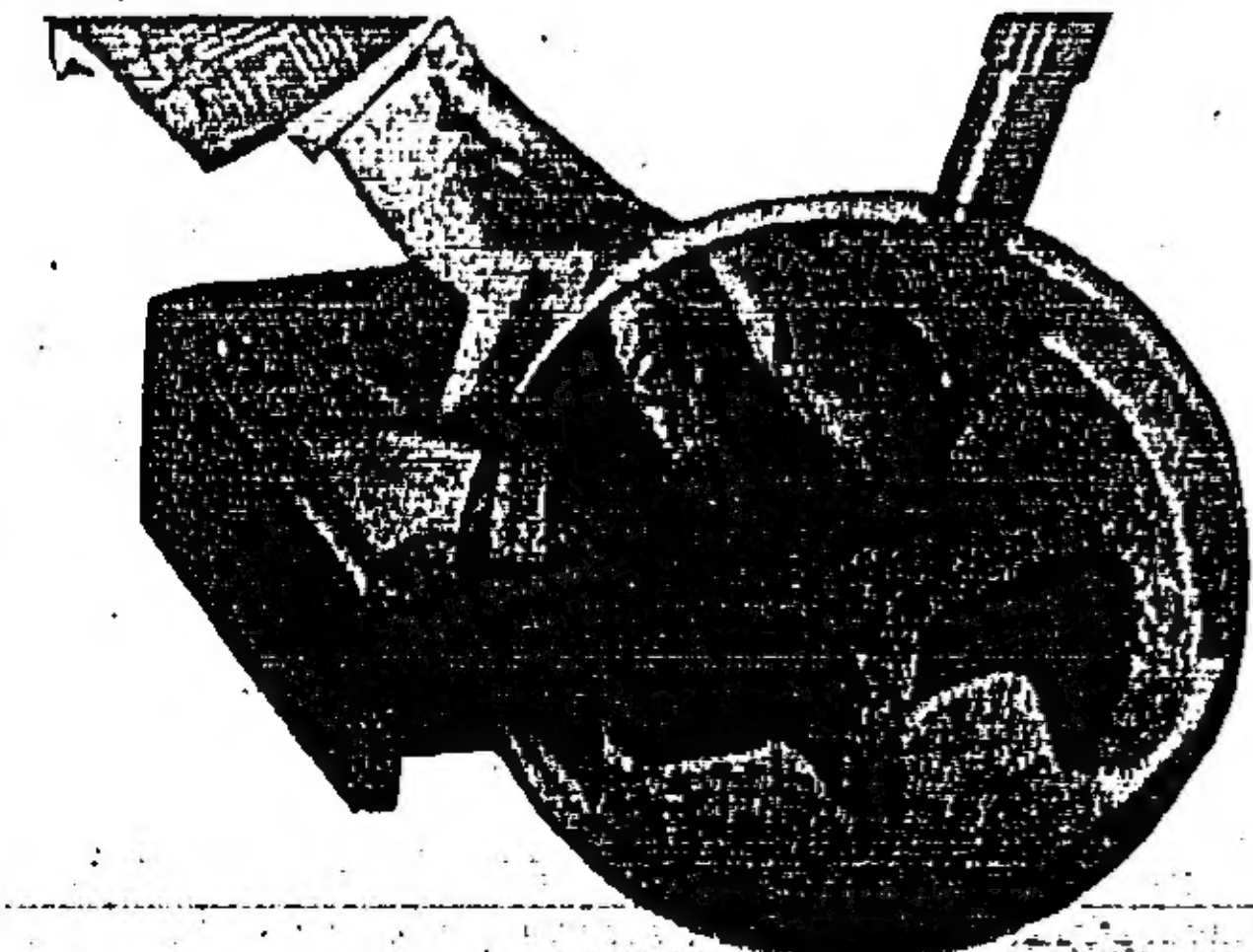
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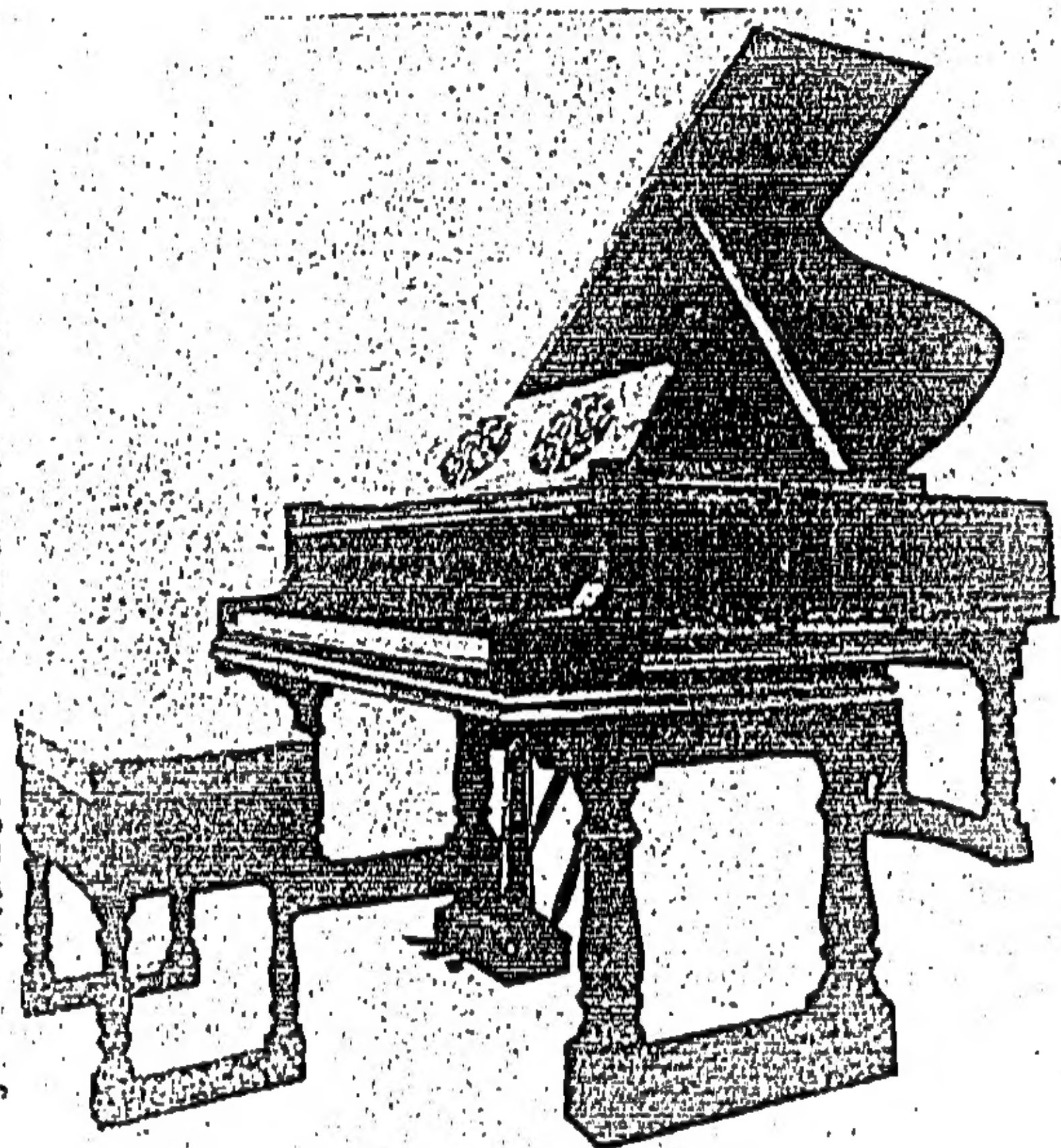
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SECRETS MEAN
SUSPICIONS

Japan insists upon the right to build her new navy in secret. No-one will question it. But this attitude, oddly at variance with the often reiterated declaration that Japan's policies are built upon a foundation of peaceful intention, is very obviously just another danger element in world politics.

"If third powers are taking the Sino-Japanese hostilities as a pretext to build additional warships, it is purely due to a misconstruction and distortion of the situation," declares Admiral Noda, that excellent officer and statesman who at present holds the portfolio of the Minister of the Navy in Tokyo. Admiral Noda can disabuse his mind of this suspicion. Great Britain is not arming against Japan, or any other nation. The United States' naval plan, partly dictated by conditions in the Pacific, truly, may have been accelerated by recent happenings in the Far East; but her programme has not yet been greatly influenced even by the sinking of the Panay and the several Standard Oil Company vessels in the Yangtze. Britain's, and to a lesser extent, America's naval construction are outgrowths of general world conditions. Japan must not suppose that Great Britain is particularly concerned with any hypothetical threat to her vast Empire from Tokyo. But of course, if Japan herself seeks an excuse for building more and bigger ships it would be natural to publicise the conclusion that Britain and America, France and Russia have some dark, deep and ulterior motive in expanding their sea power, and that the guns of these navies were a threat, if not a challenge, to Japan. However, that sort of supposition, the very mention of the possibility of distortion of the position by Tokyo, is probably unfair; just as it is unfair for Japan to infer that "Third Powers," as she is pleased to call them, are making the Sino-Japanese war an excuse for naval expansion.

Japan makes a great fuss over her "policy of non-menace

CHINA is truly a land of festivals for every month of the lunar year has its own peculiar celebrations which are heritages from the nation's age-old past.

The greatest of all is, of course, the New Year, which, as in other countries, is enthusiastically celebrated amongst the masses.

Indeed, this may be said to be the fete par excellence; for it is a season which corresponds to our Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's rolled into one. It is, moreover, the occasion that is looked forward to by every Chinese, from the tired shopman's folk to the prosperous merchant in the city's Fifth Avenue or Maiden Lane.

Both have their reasons for rejoicing. To the former it means a well-earned rest of perhaps a week, to the latter the accumulation of tidy sums of ready cash; for as is universally known, Chinese custom dictates that every business man must settle his debts at this season. In order that credit may be available in the coming year.

CHINESE New Year is not one day of celebration as in Western countries, but a series of events which last for well nigh a fortnight, commencing with the 23rd and 24th of the twelfth moon and culminating in a sort of grand finale on the 7th of the first moon of the New Year. In short, the whole sequence of festivities are five-fold and may be reduced to the form of a table which may be listed thus:

1.—The worship of the "God of the Kitchen," and the thanking of

and non-aggression," and maintains that it should be trusted. Let us speak plainly. Is there any more reason to distrust Japan's motives than to distrust Great Britain's in the matter of naval re-armament? Let common-sense and justice answer.

The Japanese Navy, says Admiral Noda, adhered to a policy of non-menace and non-aggression. Why, then, this secrecy in the matter of building? Why not make it clear that Japan is building solely for defence, as are the other naval powers? What has Japan to hide? The whole attitude of the Government at Tokyo is such as is bound to cause suspicion. Secrecy on the part of one power leads to a similar "defensive" silence among potential rivals. Britain and America and France, co-signatories of the recently achieved London treaty, will exchange information as to their needs and intentions in the matter of new ships. Japan has been invited to participate in this scheme. Her refusal to accept the invitation naturally creates the impression that she has something to hide; and such a determination goes oddly in company with allegedly pacific intentions. Until nations learn to deal entirely openly with one another there can be no sure escape from suspicions; and while suspicions exist, there will be fear, and peace cannot be permanent.

Next week
they'll worship
THE GOD OF
the kitchen

the various Buddhas and other deities for their aid vouchsafed during the year.

2.—The adoration of Heaven and Earth and the sacrifices to the Ancestors.

3.—Paid-nin, or "worshipping the year," i.e. paying calls on friends and relatives.

4.—Hol-nin, or "opening the New Year."

5.—"The Universal Birthday."

The first of these events occurs on the 23rd and 24th of the twelfth moon, which this year falls on January 24 and 25.

Those residents of the Colony interested in the popular customs of the Chinese masses may recall that on the morning of the 23rd, hawkers may be glimpsed in the streets crying the merits of a strange farrago of wares, which are employed in the sacrifices to the "God of the Kitchen." Amongst the articles hawked through the streets are bits of coloured paper known in the vernacular as *tsu-kwan-yi*, or "clothes of the God of the Kitchen," and a variety of tiny paper hats and shoes. Some of these peripatetic vendors have for sale lengths of sugar-cane, pieces of *p'in-tung* or "coarse brown paper," kumquats, lettuce, green onions, celery, eschulots, and a kind of vegetable called *ts'z-kwo* (*Caladium esculentum*). In addition, other hawkers bear shallow tubs containing various species of the finny tribe, such as the common fish, *lei-yue* (*Cyprinus carpio*), and *fo-lang-yue* (*Cirrhina mahanostigma*), as they are thus designated in the Cantonese colloquial.

It is perhaps difficult for Westerners to realise how deeply this deity of the cook's sanctum is regarded by the majority of old-fashioned Chinese households. Indeed, to them the "God of the Kitchen" is a figure of tremendous importance; for he is alleged to ascend to the Court of the Jade Emperor in the Western Heavens once a year in order to report upon the deeds witnessed in the home where he was resident. For those who do not know what the "God of the Kitchen" is, it may be explained that just over the brick and cement cooking stove in the kitchen is a shelf on which is placed a number of offerings to this deity. The food itself is represented by a paper image, which is pasted to the wall just above it. On the 23rd of the twelfth moon, this deity is supposed to set out on his annual journey, and therefore must be worshipped and started off in good style; otherwise, he may make an unfavourable report to the Jade Emperor, and the family will suffer thereby by incurring the ill-will of the offended gods.

With this view in mind, the people make it a point to propitiate the venerable inmate of the culinary department of the household by offering a sacrifice before his shrine. A table is prepared and boiled chicken, roast pork, sugar-cane, brown sugar, kumquats or loosc-skinned oranges, lettuce, onions, celery, eschulots, etc., are placed on it. Wine and tea are also provided. Candles and sticks of incense are lit, and *yuen-po* or imitation paper money, as well as a number of paper replicas of wearing apparel, are burned.

Sometimes, too, a live carp (*lei-yue*), with its head wrapped with a strip of red paper, is placed in a bowl

of water in conjunction with the other offerings. The usages, however, vary from place to place, and in some parts the carp is dispensed with, and another fish, the *fo-lang-yue*, is substituted. At the proper

hour (about sundown) the man of the family thanks the "God of the Kitchen" by kneeling before the shrine and going through the formality of "chin-chin joss." He usually does not offer any verbal prayer, that being left to the women-folk, who invoke the deity in the following words:

"Fan-heung yat-pai ts'ing
Fan-heung yi-pai ts'ing
Fan-heung saam-pai ts'ing
Ts'ing Tso-kwan lo-yue
Kam-mat ye-saam yat
Nai sheung sai-t'in
...ka moon min
Yat-nin chi not to-tak san-lik
Taap-tse shan-yai
Nin-nin jau kam-mat, sui-sui jau kam-chiu
Fao-po foo-yau
Shi ko wan ko
Shi tung wan tung
Wang-ts'oi shun-lei
Ching-ts'oi shun-lei
Tak-sam ying shau
Sam-sung sz-shing
Maan-sz shing-yi
Kwai-yau tak lik, luk-ma foo ts'z
Ho-shan ho sai
Kit-tak maan-yuen
Ho-yau saung-jung
Ole-yau yuen-pei
Haang-kong taap-hoi
Haang-tung taap-sai
Haang-tak cheuk fung
K'ei-tak cheuk wai
Taai-naam sai-nui
Ping-on taal-kat.

The following is a free translation of what is said on this occasion:

"(I, the humble petitioner) offer up incense and invite thee—once, twice and thrice—Please, O 'God of the Kitchen'—To-day is the 23rd (of the twelfth moon)
And you are going up to the Western Heavens (to report to the Jade Emperor)
My surname is
Each year may you get new strength in order to help me
Thank all the gods for me for their kindness
Every year has to-day and this morning
Grant—O 'God of the Kitchen'—thy protection
May both Time and Fate be propitious
May both Time and Fate be comprehensive
May good fortune in both legitimate and devious ways come to me
May all the desires of my heart be fulfilled
May all things be accomplished
May the 'Noble Gentleman' and 'Lucky Horse' charms be efficacious
May I enjoy good health
May my relationship with every one be harmonious
May I meet with only those who are good
May I keep away from those who are wicked
Though I walk upon the river and step upon the sea
May I meet with fortune in my walkings about
May I encounter honour in my standings still
And though I walk early and walk late
May old and young (of both sexes in this household)
Enjoy peace and good luck."

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

We must ask Eeyore to set some of these razz tunes to music.

As usual, St. George's Ball will give Scotsmen an opportunity to recover their spirits.

A doctor asserts that the action of atropin or scopolamin upon the reversed peristalsis is effective in cases of seasickness. Why didn't we think of this before?

The Telegraph's Popular Stars Contest was won by the office boy who nominated Hennessey.

We suppose the Dentists' Union enables them to pull to gether.

Several lengths of dachshund have been noticed in Kowloon recently.

We notice that "The ladies demonstrated the routine exercises of bending, stretching and deep-breathing, with ease and rhythm." This disposes of the rumour that they used wires, mirrors and trap-doors.

The most popular exercise some of our fair young golfers get is the car ride to and from Fanling.

"Sydney's harbour, in which will be four United States cruisers, and her magnificent bridge, will be illuminated at night," says a news item. It is understood however, that the bridge will not accompany the cruisers to the Far East.

THE form of invocation given above follows pretty much that mentioned in previous articles in the Telegraph upon Chinese festivals. Indeed, it may be said that the generally of these spontaneous outpourings of the Chinese soul are more or less stereotyped, and that by changing slightly a phrase here and there the average old-fashioned woman can extemporise any number of similar expressions of piety to suit any occasion.

On the evening of the 24th, another ceremony takes place, when the picture of the "God of the Kitchen" is torn down and burnt, together with an offering of imitation paper money.

A new image of the popular deity is then pasted up above the kitchen shrine and all is in readiness for another year. To complete the occasion, another drama of offering sacrifices of fruits, etc., is carried out with meticulous detail.

The evening of the last day of the year is regarded by the masses as a period of especial importance; for it is styled *Tuen-nin*, or "rounding the year." It is, moreover, a time of rejoicing, and every member of the family arranges to be present; for, at this time, sacrifices are made to the divinities of Heaven and Earth and the benevolent spirits of the departed ancestors. The offerings made to the gods and spirits on this occasion are, of course, the traditional *saam-sang* or "three sacrifices," i.e., presentations of pork, chicken and fish. Lettuce is also provided; for according to Chinese notions, this vegetable is of happy augury, as the name itself in the Cantonese vernacular suggests a peculiar felicitous combination of good wishes. Indeed, the name *shaung-ts'oi* which signifies "lettuce" in Cantonese, may also be employed to indicate "the production of wealth"; for the words themselves can be thus interpreted to have this auspicious significance.

THE last day of the year, is, too, according to age-old custom the final period of grace when all those who owe money must pay. Indeed, every debtor is expected to settle his outstanding accounts in full. If he fails, may his ancestors help him for it is very doubtful if he can secure credit any more. Indeed, so important is the settlement of debts at this time, that in order to raise money, people will resort to all kinds of expedients; it is needless to remark that robberies are especially frequent in Hongkong in the period just before Chinese New Year.

At length, the New Year dawns. Families who can afford it, vie with one another in the wearing of new garments. Even the poorer people make it a rule to change into their "Sunday best" on this day. It is a day when New Year calls are made to relatives and friends, and the presentation of—*lei-shi*—or "lucky money" to the children and dependants of the household. The servants come in for their annual *cumshaw* and if a family should omit to present their faithful servitors with a gratuity at this time, they would be stigmatised as the acme of ingratitude—or as the Chinese say, *pa-shi*. The petty observances on this day are so varied that it is quite beyond the scope of a brief article to do more than hint at them; for New Year's is in China "the day of days," and the season for universal rejoicing.

THE second day of the New Year, is, likewise, an important one for it is officially termed *hol-nin* or "opening the year." On this day, the almanac is carefully perused to learn the lucky dates in the New Year; for according to many, it is incumbent that these favourable and unfavourable periods be memorised, so that one may profit to the full from their obvious benefits. On this day, many of the people think that it is as important to partake of a complete vegetarian menu, as it is said that the non-eating of meat at this time denotes reverence to Heaven and Earth, and is consequently "an act of special merit."

On the seventh day occurs the unique festival of *yan-yai*, or "the day of man." This is an occasion that is of interest. On it is observed the birthday of every Chinese; hence it is a day for reckoning age. The Chinese people, or at least the great bulk of the masses, do not calculate maturity from the actual date of birth; but from the seventh of the first moon. On account of this strange natal circumstance, the day is seized upon with grateful alacrity and celebrated with a degree of extraordinary fervour by the people. Wine flows in every home, and everyone makes merry; for the Chinese are pre-eminently a practical people who enjoy to the full any occasion affording them an opportunity to escape for a while from the cares of their ordinary work-day lives.

At this phase of the prayer, the supplicant inserts her own surname—Wong, Lei, Chan, etc., as the case may be.

These are the names of two popular charms which are burned in offering to the Buddha and spirits.

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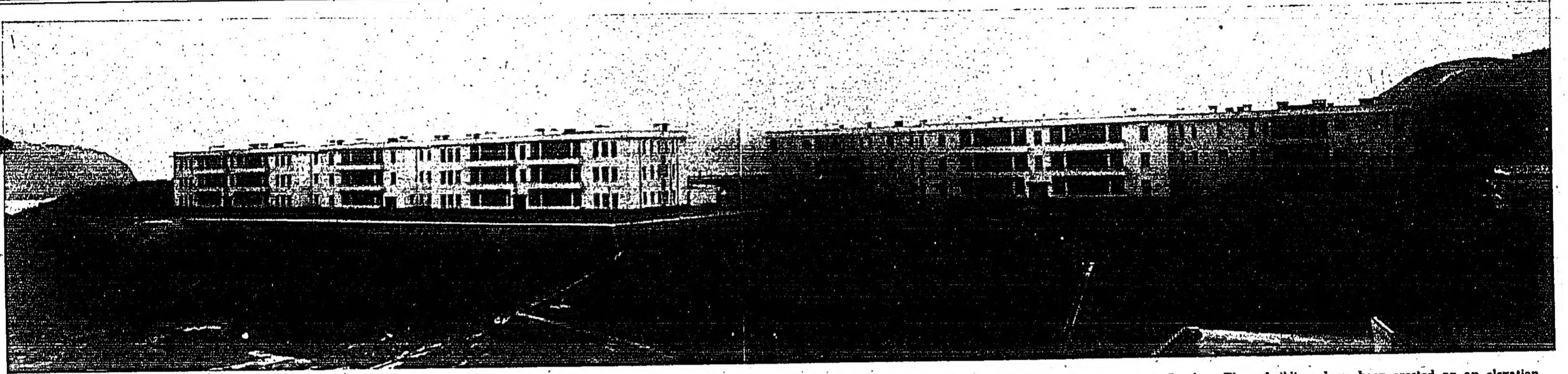
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A HAPPY GROUP of youngsters at the birthday party in honour of Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pollatt. (Photo: Yuen Chun).



THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE Basket Ball Team, which met with considerable success in inter-collegiate events last year. (Photo: Yim Fong).



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The Lorraby Murder Case

EPISODE 58 FROM INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR'S NOTEBOOK

MR. HONEYMOON was alone in his flat. It was just after five o'clock, and darkness had already fallen. Mr. Honeymoon, having made his preparations, was putting on his hat and coat in the hall. He was about to switch off the light when there came a violent ring at the bell. Honeymoon started guiltily: could it be that the police had wind of his intentions?

But no: such a thing was impossible. Damn it, muttered Mr. Honeymoon testily; I mustn't begin the evening by getting the fitters.

THE MAN FOR THE METER

Opening the door, he was confronted by a young man in uniform. "From the Electric, sir," he said. "To take the meter."

Honeymoon peered at him suspiciously. No, this couldn't be a policeman in disguise—and, in any case, he hadn't yet done anything criminal. The future would take care of itself. "Right," he said. "Come in. But be as quick as you can; I've got a date."

"Shan't be two minutes, sir," the young man answered briskly. He was almost as good as his word. When Honeymoon showed him out, a few minutes later, it was eleven minutes past five by his watch. "Mustn't forget this chap's visit," said Honeymoon to himself. "He may prove a useful witness to my movements."

His movements were certainly odd. Descending the lift, he got out his car, which was garaged in the same block as his flat. Then he drove off, making as much noise as possible, heading for the West End.

VISIT TO THE MEGATHERIUM

Here he parked his car. Then after a quick meal, at Duncz's—a small restaurant where Honeymoon was already well known—he walked to the Megatherium Cinema.

This gigantic place of entertainment, recently opened, offered a four-hour programme for half-a-crown. It was deservedly popular; crowded, in fact, every night. Mr. Honeymoon, the night before, had sat through the entire programme.

In spite of this fact, he once again paid his half-crown. "Any phone message for me?" he asked as he was handed the ticket. "Honeymoon's the name." He was not surprised to learn that there was a message for him. He had phoned at half-past seven from a call-box.

It was nine minutes to seven when Mr. Honeymoon entered the Megatherium. It was four minutes to seven when—having drunk a cup of coffee in the restaurant—he left by a different door. It was twenty-three minutes past seven when he arrived at his own flat, having taken no fewer than three different taxis and walked the last hundred yards.

Now came the most difficult part of his adventure. He had to reach his own flat without being seen. Fortunately for his plan, there were three entrances to the block; at one of these, after seven, there was no porter on duty.

Mr. Honeymoon went in at this entrance, and duly arrived at his own flat without meeting anyone on the way.

At half-past seven there was a ring at his bell. He opened the door to admit Mr. Lucien Lorraby, money-lender.

DEATH OF A MONEYLENDER

"Find your way up all right?" asked Mr. Honeymoon affably, switching off the light in the hall. "Come in here!" he opened the door of the living-room. "Come in and make yourself comfortable." He switched on the light and an electric fire. "Sit down and I'll get you a drink."

"Thanks," said Lorraby. "Nice little place this. Yes, I found my way up all right; couldn't very well go wrong."

Things now happened quickly. Mr. Honeymoon produced a whisky and today as his guest reached forward to take it Honeymoon, producing a spanner from his pocket, struck him on the base of the skull. The moneylender lurched forward and died without uttering a sound. "Good riddance to bad rubbish," was Honeymoon's only comment. He had killed his man all right, but the real anxieties of the evening were now about to begin.

Putting on a pair of gloves, Honeymoon went carefully through his guest's pockets. He soon found what he wanted: certain promissory notes of his own which he had requested the moneylender to bring along. Tearing these across, he thrust them into his pocket.

It was now about eight o'clock. The next hour and a half were a severe test of Honeymoon's nerves. Having taken care to obliterate from his flat all possible trace of the dead man's fingerprints, he at length—about 9.30—turned out the light and cautiously opened the door.

There was no one about. At the end of the passage was a kind of alcove. Taking the corpse of Lorraby in his arms, and listening with strained attention for footsteps or other sounds, Honeymoon stole along the passage and dumped the dead money-lender in the alcove. Then he made his way downstairs by the back route. Once again luck was with him; as he went out he saw, and was seen by, no one.

MR. HONEYMOON'S ALIBI

How he spent the rest of the evening can readily be imagined. At a quarter past ten he was back at the Megatherium, making his way through the restaurant, and showing half of his original ticket, as though he had just come out for coffee.

At five to eleven he left the cinema and got his car out of the garage. He commented in detail on the Megatherium show for the benefit of the garage-man. At eleven forty-one he drove into his own garage, and made his way up the main staircase to his flat as ostentatiously as he could.

On the way back he had torn into fragments, and distributed from the window of his car, the documents which he had stolen from Lorraby's pocket.

PLAYFAIR STEPS IN

The money-lender's body had already been discovered, and Inspector Joshua Playfair was in charge. Questioned as to whether he knew the dead man—dead, so medical evidence went, for about three hours—Mr. Honeymoon at once admitted that he did. "I should not be surprised," he said, "if he'd come here to see me. No, I didn't owe him anything; I settled up with him earlier this week. I had no possible motive—though, there's plenty, I dare say, that had—for bumping the poor fellow off."

Playfair looked at him shrewdly. "Can you account for your movements, Mr. Honeymoon?"

"Certainly, Inspector. I left the house—let me see, soon after five. Young chap had just been here to read the meter. Went to Duncz's Restaurant—had a chop and a Welsh rabbit—then to the Megatherium Cinema. Left just before the show ended—have only just returned."

"That seems explicit enough," said Playfair. "I'll have to check up on it, though, of course. Shouldn't take me long. In the meantime, you say you haven't been near your flat?"

"How could I have been near it?"

"Has anyone else a key to it?"

"Not that I know of."

"Well, I'll explore the flat, if you don't mind," said Playfair. For the next hour it became the base from which he conducted his inquiries. Honeymoon had done his "cleaning up" carefully; no trace of Lorraby's presence, no incriminating finger-prints, confronted the Inspector at the flat. Yet at the end of his inquiries he had no hesitation in arresting Honeymoon on suspicion.

Why?

(Solution in Column Three)

GRAMOPHONE

THE "Nutcracker" suite, which Tchaikovsky formed out of the music of his ballet of the same name, contains some of the finest light music ever written. One is never tired of hearing it again, and because it is so likeable and so easy to ruin through careless performance, one welcomes the more warmly such a rendering as that of the latest H.M.V. record.

The players are the L.P.O. and the conductor Goossens. There is, as far as I can hear, nothing on any of the three records to criticise adversely. The whole thing is turned out to perfection, graceful phrasing matched by precise attack, orchestral tone of a charming quality set off by clean-cut rhythm.

OTHER ballets, notably Falla's splendid "Three Corned Hat" and Stravinsky's "Petroushka" make a fleet appearance on an effective single-orchestral record.

FOR those who collect brilliant performances there are a number of records that should be tried out. Heifetz heads the list with Saint-Saens' "Havanaise" for violin and orchestra (the L.S.O. under Barbirolli), which he plays with such mastery ease and so attractively that the music itself sounds almost as interesting as his performance of it.

ANIA DORFMAN'S record of a Chopin Tarentelle and of Debussy's "Plus

que lent" (issued by Columbia) has the same quality of technical accomplishment, while Hilda Bor combines an equally effective dexterity with an almost miraculous feat of organisation.

JOAN CROSS has made an outstandingly beautiful record (H.M.V.) of the "Ave Maria" and the "Willow Song" from Verdi's Otello. Her performance is dramatically and vocally admirable, and it is a relief to hear such clear English.

BILLY MAYERL'S "Aquarium Suite" is nothing if not ambitious. It follows Gershwin's lead in treating light music symphonically, and it, too, is in the style of a piano concerto with many pretty, decorative effects which the composer at the piano does to a nicety (Col.).

The tunes seem more numerous and are rather more diverting than those in Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

There is a good Larry Adler record of Ellington's "Caravan."

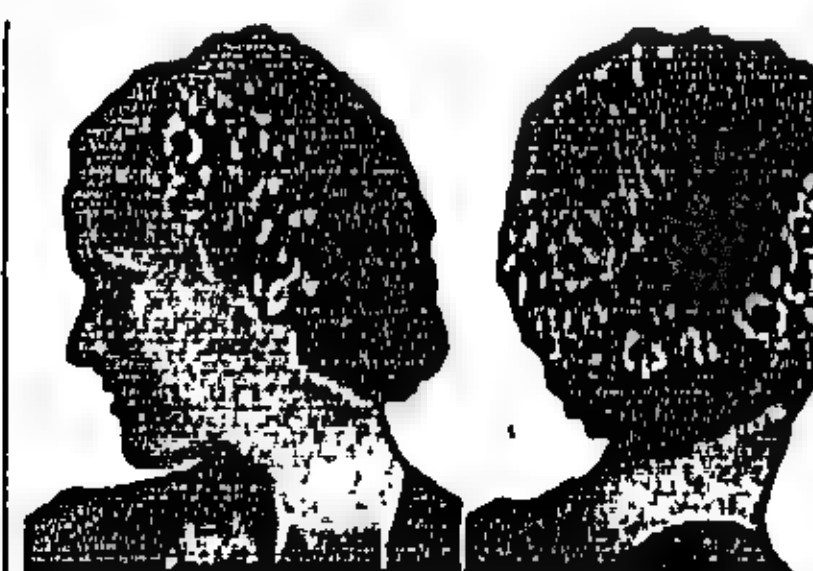
The latest Maxwell Stewart records should be encouraged because they are announced as being played "in strict rhythm." And it's true!

SWING has been given the distinction of an H.M.V. album all to itself. This at once gives it something like permanent significance. It becomes all historic exhibit in the same showcase that contains examples of the various periods that eventually produced Palestrina, Beethoven and Verdi. I don't think Swing has so far produced its own particular Beethoven.

The musical interest of the seven items in this album (one imagines they were chosen as being the highlights of Swing) is negative, and there is no sign of any but the most rudimentary constructive ability. But as organised noise they are instructive and perhaps valuable.

"Sing, sing, sing," which, according to the descriptive notes from America, is "just Gene on tom-tom and Benny freely improvising on clarinet," is the longest stretch of Swing I have ever heard. The tom-tom is a good effect, but surely it need not sound so uniform in tone.

Of the two records featuring "Fats" Waller, "ex-organist of a Harlem church," the better is "Honeysuckle Rose." Both provide slick piano playing which draws unkind attention to the trite harmonies and tunes. In all these records there are solo performances that the technically remarkable. "A healthy trend," says the anonymous writer of the descriptive leaflet, "that has developed the last two years has been the recognition given individual members of popular hot-bands."



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INDISCREET WIVES

WHILE taking afternoon tea recently in the Hongkong Hotel, I was astounded, during a lull in the tinkle of cups and spoons, to recognise a woman's voice behind me criticising her husband. The tone was familiar, and a discreet glance confirmed that she was a near neighbour of mine.

The details of a family squabble which she was retelling for the benefit of her friend—and others nearby—set me thinking how indiscreet some women are in their speech in public.

It is an old joke, of course, that women cannot hold their tongues, but it is a great pity that so much idle chatter on intimate matters takes place within earshot of others.

Don't Broadcast Your Troubles

Home disagreements, especially between husband and wife, should not in any circumstances be broadcast, and for a woman to do so shows great disloyalty to her husband, and is a first-class matrimonial blunder.

Husbands as a class have probably as many faults as wives, but certainly few can be accused of discussing their wives before strangers, while even in front of friends they will only do so with an air of pride. They would therefore be quite amazed if they realised the way in which wives will reveal the most

Another Minute Mystery

HOW GOOD A DETECTIVE ARE YOU?

THE professor wheezingly mounted a hastily procured stepladder, peered out through the room's single frosted window, four feet square.

"The murderer fired from the garden through here?" he inquired.

"Tell me about it." The criminologist stepped down with a slight groan. He had a touch of lumbago. He looked curiously around the modernistically furnished basement of Olney's home. It had been converted into a bar and lounge.

"Well, Betty Clark, a friend of mine, was sitting against the wall there directly beneath the window," Olney explained. "I was standing behind the bar mixing a martini. We were alone. Suddenly the window opened and a rifle barrel was shoved through. I yelled, but Betty didn't move; too startled, I guess.

"Then I ducked behind the bar just as the killer fired. A few seconds after he fled I went to Betty's aid, but she was dead. . . a bullet through her head." "Can you describe the assassin?" Fordney asked.

"No—the only visible part of the man was two pudgy hands grasping the rifle—but I did notice what appeared to be an emerald ring on the hand that held the barrel."

"Have you a phone down here?"

"Yes," responded Olney—"behind that screen." The professor stared at the instrument before lifting the receiver. "Hello . . . Fordney speaking . . . send two men out to Olney's house."

He replaced the receiver, turned and said, "Want to change your story before the police get here, Olney? It's pretty weak!"

The professor knew Olney was lying. How?

Solution is upside down at foot of Column Three.

intimate as well as the trivial details of married life and the home. The very disloyalty of such idle gossiping would heartily shock the average husband, who would be unnerved at the thought that such matters were discussed with women acquaintances.

Let wives remember this when they are tempted to tell their friends of the last little squabble in the home; if perchance the fact that it has been revealed reaches their husbands' ears, the tiny rift may well develop into a serious breach. J. W.

PROBLEM ANSWERS

Are You Sure?
(Questions on Page 2).

- 1.—A fodder plant.
- 2.—Tin.
- 3.—A spear used by bull-fighters.
- 4.—Ramsey MacDonald.
- 5.—Henry VIII.
- 6.—4 years.
- 7.—Montague.
- 8.—"no new thing."
- 9.—A form of torture.
- 10.—Africa.
- 11.—A Burmese bandit.
- 12.—Protecting the carpet from heavy wear.
- 13.—On the right looking down from the source, etc.
- 14.—Right arm and right eye.
- 15.—Kwangtung.
- 16.—1,825 feet.
- 17.—A heart-eater.
- 18.—Mt. Victoria.
- 19.—Dirigible.
- 20.—Coined money.
- 21.—Z.
- 22.—Africa.
- 23.—Matthew and John.
- 24.—88 miles.
- 25.—Fourteen nights.

The Lorraby Murder Case

Playfair was struck at once by the opportune fact that the consumption of electricity had been checked just as Honeymoon left the flat. The meter readings were recorded on a card. Almost the first thing Playfair did was to check them—when he discovered at once that, since the meter was read, there had been an appreciable amount of electricity consumed. Honeymoon was detained while more elaborate inquiries were set on foot, and in due course—from the evidence of various taxi-drivers—his carefully-built-up alibi was shattered.

Your Vocabulary

(See Above)

ANSWERS: 1. Weakening. 2. Very bright. 3. Stuffy formal. 4. Abusive. 5. Decisive. 6. Neighbourhood. 7. Division. 8. Sturdy. 9. Common. 10. Kindly. 11. Force. 12. Pledged. 13. Indecent. 14. Apparent.

Minute Mystery

"I saw the light window" was the clue. The light window was the window which the murderer used to fire through. The murderer was Betty Clark, who was sitting behind the bar. The murderer was Betty Clark, who was sitting behind the bar. The murderer was Betty Clark, who was sitting behind the bar.

TEST YOUR VOCABULARY

Professor Johnson O'Connor, of the Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey, arranged this vocabulary test. One of the words following the bold-type word in each line comes closest to its meaning. Which one is it?

- 1 An enervating exercise—soothing, exciting, distressing, invigorating, weakening.
- 2 A refulgent smile—mischievous, flattering, sour, repellent, very bright.
- 3 His stilted manner—irresolute, improper, cordial, stiffly formal, vicious.
- 4 Scurilous rogue—hurrying, desperate, abusive, frantic, diseased.
- 5 Peremptory order—persuasive, uncertain, angry, decisive, pleasant.
- 6 People of that vicinity—wickedness, town, neighbourhood, sort, tendency.
- 7 He opposed the severance—sternness, gathering, contract, division, policy.
- 8 A burly farmer—brutal, quarrelsome, frail, sturdy.
- 9 Rumour was rife—common, growing, unfounded, rare, early.
- 10 Benign act—spiteful, vigorous, legal, careless, kindly.
- 11 Without coercion—malice, conflict, force, fraud, wilfulness.
- 12 His plighted word—unfortunate, pledged, broken, cursed.
- 13 Frivolous remarks—childish, foolishly-pure, indecent, sarcastic, soothing.
- 14 His ostensible reason—apparent, fundamental, actual, debatable, undoubted.

Answers in Column Three

Tragedy of a tired-looking bridesmaid

It's going to be GLORIOUS! Where's my bouquet? I'm so thrilled! THINKS: How I dread this! I look awful beside the other bridesmaids and this tiredness!

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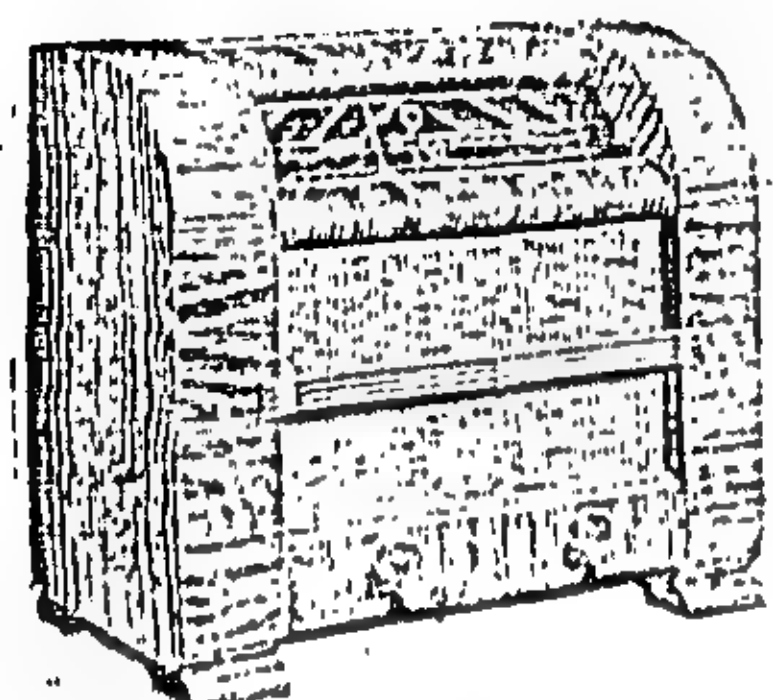
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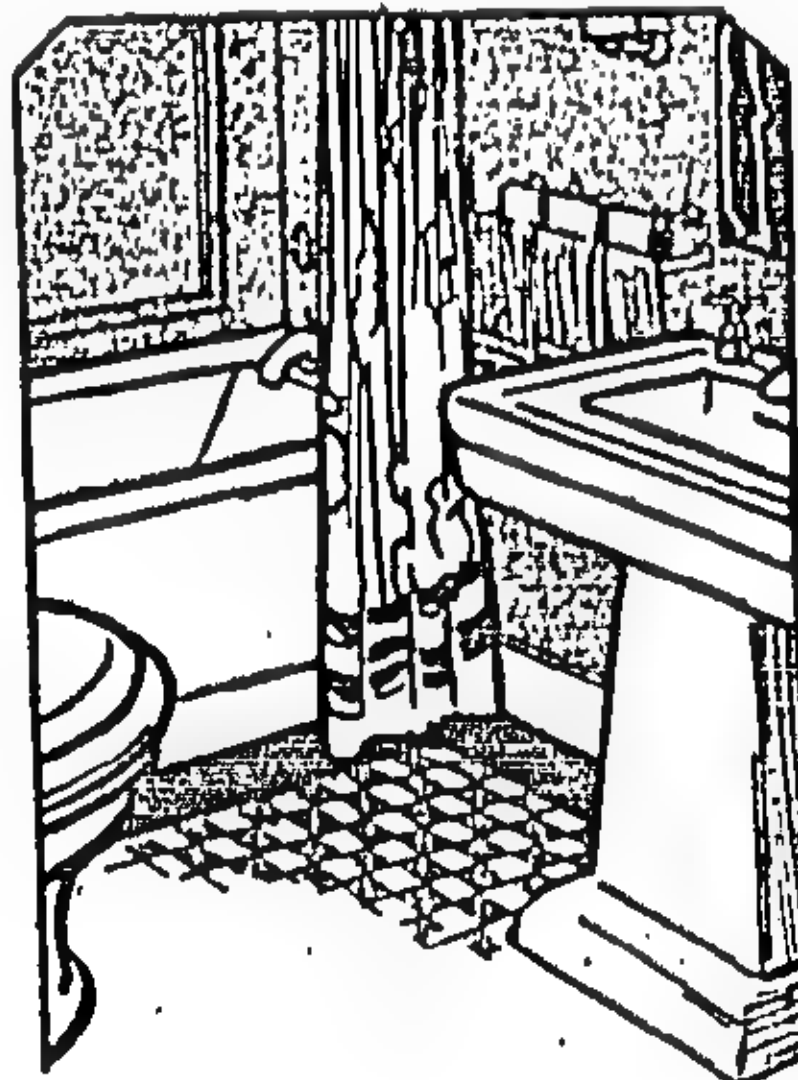
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JEAN BATTEN Takes a Bird's-Eye View of Your Empire

WHAT does the Empire look like from the air? How are its great cities growing, its lands changing, its people progressing?

Four times in the past four years I have flown halfway across the world—over Empire countries nearly all the way. No other girls at my age—28—can have had such an experience. Let me take you on a flying tour across the world and give you the glimpse I caught of the great countries and cities:

New Zealand: Auckland, in my view, is one of the most naturally beautiful cities in the Empire. It was certainly the most welcome sight I had ever seen when I glimpsed it through the rain at the conclusion of my 14,000-miles flight from England last year. Its striking cliffs, tree-clad slopes creating an evergreen setting for a very modern town, make an unforgettable panorama from the air.

And how it is growing! As a city it has made tremendous strides since I first saw it. New factories are springing up like mushrooms. Its aerodrome has now the most modern equipment.

In 1934 there were no organised air lines in New Zealand, now there are 25 first-class aerodromes, and mail and passenger flights have increased by leaps and bounds since I flew there last year.

ONLY one link remains to be forged in the All-Red Air Route from London, and that is the perilous 1,330-miles crossing of the Tasman Sea, which I flew recently in the "Dorchester". This is acknowledged by mariners to be the most treacherous sea in the world owing to the fact that it lies so very far south in the latitude known to sailors as the "roaring forties".

That link is due to be completed next spring and then there will be through air services from London to Auckland—a 14,000-miles Empire route which will be the longest regular air line in the world.

Australia: If Auckland is beautiful, Sydney, viewed from the air, is wonderful. Nothing quite like that harbour and the famous bridge is to be found anywhere else in the world. But it is in Northern Australia, back among the sheep stations in the scrub and bush, that I notice most change.

The aeroplane is transforming life for the lonely families on these stations. Children there who have never seen a train or boat in their lives watch air liners pass with clockwork regularity over their heads.

They were brought into the world, many of these children, by the "flying doctor," Dr. Fenton, who is known all over Northern Australia, where he pilots his own "plane, often taking

GAS TRAINING IN LONDON

London, Jan. 1.

As part of Britain's air raids precautions, a large proportion of the staff in many hotels in London's famous West End will be given training in dealing with enemy gas attacks.

In a request issued by the Westminster City Council, all the hotels in the area most popular with American tourists were asked to provide voluntary recruits at the minimum rate of one volunteer for every hundred guests and members of the staff. Many hotels immediately announced their intentions to co-operate. One hotel found forty volunteers in so short a time that the manager decided to provide one "warden" for every 50 guests and employees.

Figures regarding the number of hotel guests in the West End have never been available, but it is estimated that there are always at least 20,000. The residential population of Westminster itself is only 100,000 but the population during working hours easily reaches a half million.

Training courses will probably follow the lines of all civilian defence, such as fire control with sand and water, cleaning of streets and passages, care and treatment of injured persons, and removal of contaminated clothes in special chambers.

Expenses will mainly consist of working time lost to the hotels when employees are being drilled. The council will provide instructors.

The new giant flyingboat Centaurus, it is announced, will make her first flight to New Zealand before Christmas. In this article the famous aviator tells of her experiences on the All-Red Empire Route.

a nurse with him, on his "rounds" of thousands of miles.

Singapore: Here "defence work" is the order of the day, and Britain's great base at the Gateway to the East is one of the most impressive sights on the whole flight. I remember passing over it at dawn on my last trip. Liners, tramp steamers, tankers—ships of almost every nation on earth—lie still in the vast harbour below, jostled by hundreds of native junks with their grass-plaited sails.

India: The country around Calcutta is one of the most uninviting-looking places on the whole route, for it is impossible to land anywhere other than at the aerodrome of this great town. The surrounding country consists either of impenetrable jungle or the vast swamps, called the Sunderbunds, at the mouth of the Ganges.

The whole of India is indeed difficult country to fly over.

Syria: Here, from the air, you can see how civilisation is slowly stretching out into the trackless desert. A finely constructed bitumen road, like one of our big arterial roads in England, is creeping out from Baghdad towards Damascus.

I have watched it grow, year by year. Now it extends for 50 miles, and soon it will reach Rubah Wells, that lonely French outpost fenced off with barbed wire in the heart of the Syrian Desert.

BUT there is one thing more I would like to add: In my four long flights across the world what impresses me more forcibly, perhaps, than anything else is the fact that the Empire's future lies in the air.



A view from the famous Croydon Airport.

Mrs. Culbertson's Tears Stop Her Bridge-Playing

New York.

Bridge-player Mrs. Ely Culbertson was so tearful during her voyage to Reno to divorce her partner in marriage and bridge that she could not play bridge with passengers aboard the liner Pennsylvania.

She burst into tears again when she landed at San Pedro, California, and said: "You will have to pardon me. I have just been reading a letter from my children. It upset me a bit."

WOMAN OPERATES GOLD MINE

Sydney.

After operating a gold mine single-handed for a year in the jungle in New Guinea, Mrs. B. Harper has come to Sydney for a holiday. The claim is on the Alob river, five days' march from the nearest settlement.

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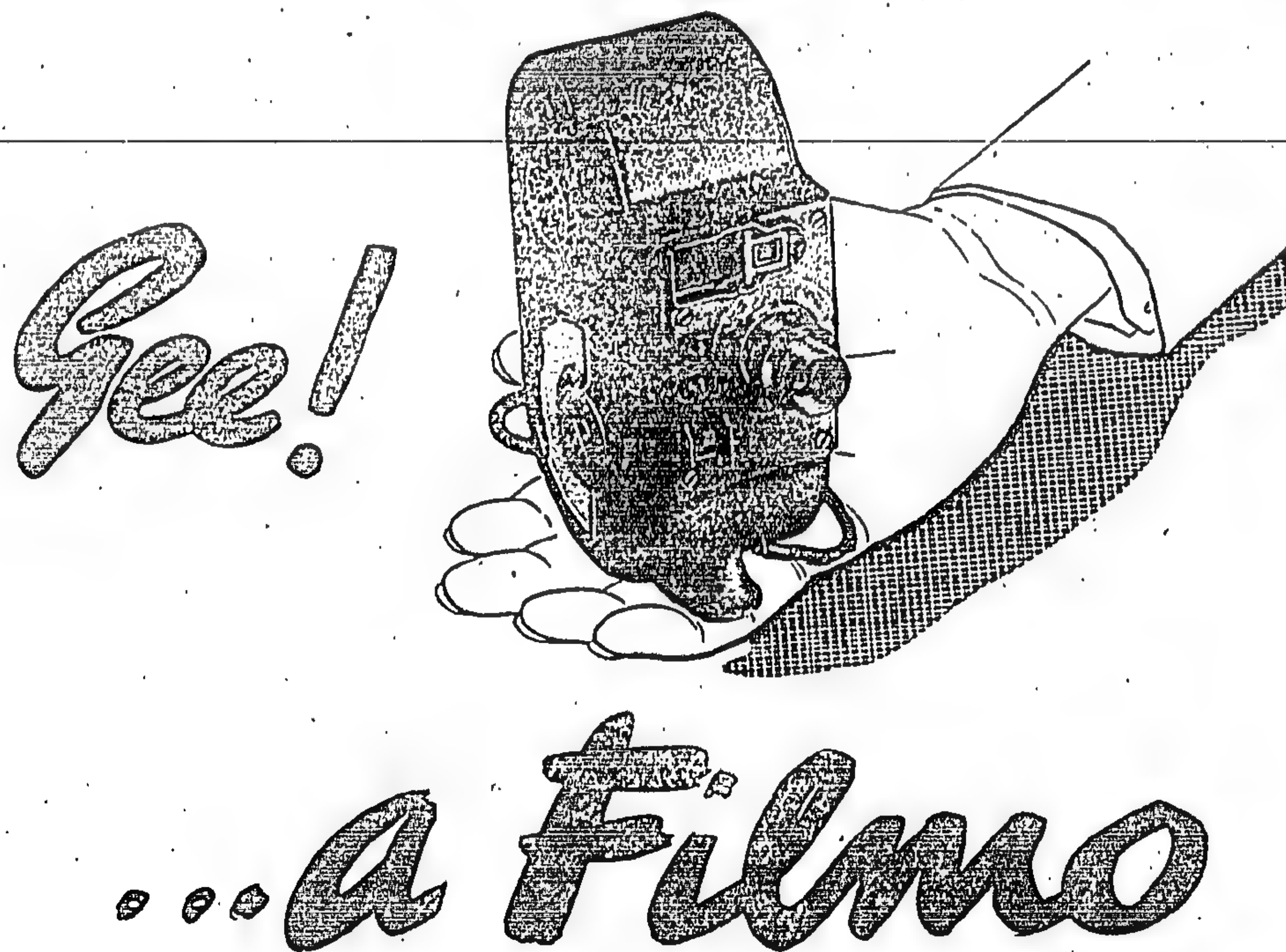
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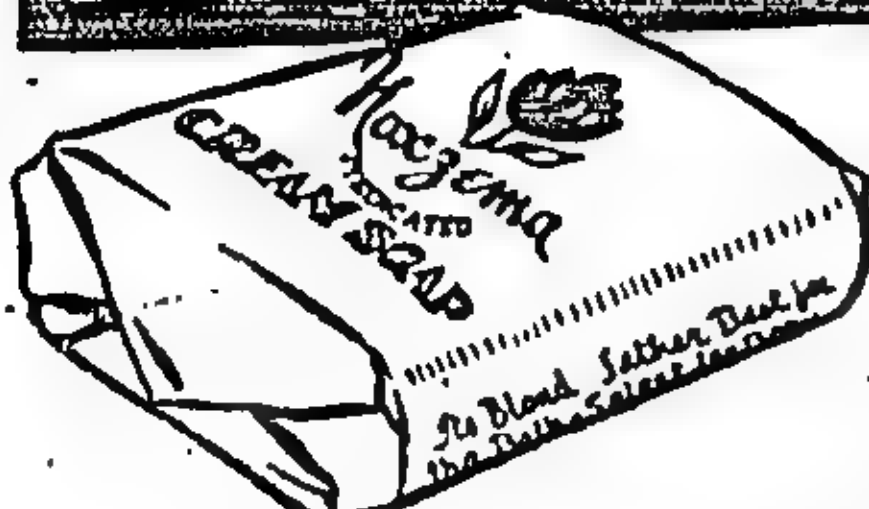
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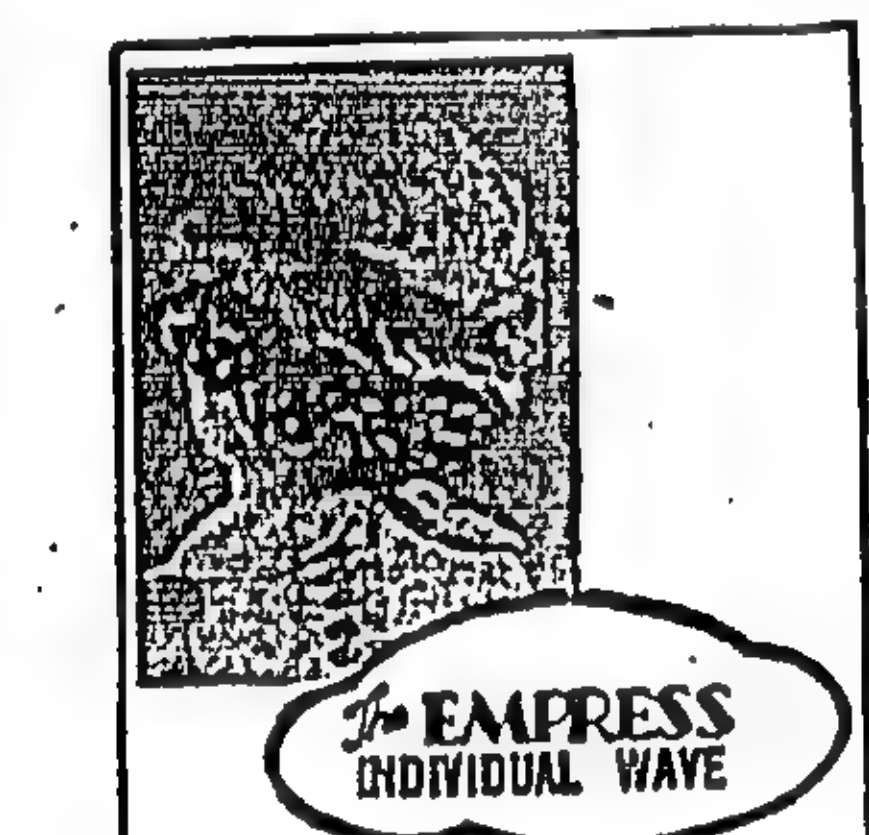
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Around the Empire

HEALTH OF NATIVES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town.
The Native Representation Council yesterday asked the Department of Public Health to appoint native nurses to act as health visitors in the locations and reserves and also to provide facilities for the training of natives as doctors.

Chief Victor Poto said that the standard of health of the natives was being lowered, and infant mortality was shocking. Few of his people lived beyond 50, the majority dying of tuberculosis.

Sir Edward Thornton, Secretary for Public Health and Chief Health Officer for the Union, said that the Government spent over £1,000,000 annually on the health of the natives. Great success had been achieved in combating malaria among the Natal natives. A special survey was to be made of the tuberculosis position.

He announced that a vast building programme for natives was to be put in hand in the Transvaal in 1938. British Rifle Team.—The British "B" team, with 570 marks, won the first which was arranged at Grahamstown, Cape Province, in honour of the British riflemen who are touring the Union. The second place was filled by the British "A" team, 567 marks, with Grahamstown "A", 562, third. The match was over 200,000 and 600 yards.

£10,000,000 Building Plans.—Building plans involving more than £10,000,000 were passed by the Johannesburg City Council up to the end of November. This is easily a record. The figures for the whole of 1936 were less than £9,000,000.

Civil Service Candidates.—There are over 6,000 candidates for Civil Service vacancies this year nearly 2,000 more than in 1936.

Gold Mine Fire.—The fire in the Simmer and Jack mine on the Rand is still burning after 36 hours. It is understood that, if the seat of the fire is not located tonight, the section in which it is burning will be sealed.

Canada.

**SOCIAL CREDIT
DEMAND**
Edmonton.
The Social Credit Convention meeting here has passed a resolution demanding the resignation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, Col. Bowen, because he withheld assent to Mr. Abernethy's bank control and newspaper bills.

THIS MAN HOPES TO MAKE WAR IMPOSSIBLE

Inventor of New Explosive Three
Times More Powerful Than
Anything Yet Known

By A Correspondent

IN his secret laboratory in the middle of a Sussex wood near East Grinstead I talked recently to a man who may make war impossible.

He has discovered an explosive more than three times as powerful as anything yet known. A hundredweight of it detonated in a city would completely destroy everything within a quarter of a mile.

Filled with this explosive, shells and bombs would not have to score a direct hit to do their damage.

NO FOREIGN COUNTRY WILL HAVE IT

The secret of its manufacture would give a nation such an advantage over all others that it would spell certain defeat on land, sea and in the air for any enemy country.

"I shall never sell its secret to a foreign country," declared the discoverer to me.

"I shall offer it to the British Government as soon as my researches have been completed into all the problems of its large-scale manufacture."

DISCOVERY BY ACCIDENT

I found the inventor, Mr. V. J. Stroude, a slightly-built middle-aged man with thick glasses that spoke of endless hours spent poring over obscure chemical formulae.

Mr. Stroude is a former associate of Louis Brennan, of Whitehead torpedo and helicopter fame.

"My explosive, like most high-explosives of to-day," explained Mr. Stroude to me, "is a derivative of the liquid by-products of coal."

"I was working on an analysis for commercial use of gases given off by bituminous products."

"By accident I found that four of the liquids combined exploded with far greater force than nitro-glycerine or T.N.T."

"I carried on my research and found that my explosive—I call it 'x'-ylene at the moment—was three and a half times as powerful as standard gun cotton which is treated with nitro-glycerine."

WAR REVOLUTIONISED

"Armaments will be revolutionised through 'x'-ylene," he added.

"Without going into technical details, battleships, for instance, could treble their present armaments."

"Alternatively, small ships could be mounted with guns to make them

as effective as the present capital ship. The slabs were placed in holes two feet deep about ten yards apart. Two muffled explosions. Earth and stones shot in the air twice as high from the hole where Mr. Stroude's explosive had been buried. The crater in the case of the standard gun cotton was less than half as deep as the other and less than a third in width.

"In the Spring," concluded Mr. Stroude, "I shall apply for the necessary Government licence to manufacture in quantity and I shall build a small factory probably on Salisbury Plain."

Hunts For Ideal Happy Couples

By A Correspondent

Searching for the secret of married happiness has taken vivacious Mme. Alexandra Roubé-Jansky, famed Turkish playwright, three times round the world already.

Believing that only ideally happy couples can possess this secret, madame is trying to find them and get the recipe. Yet in all her travels she has found only two couples who have achieved perfect happiness.

Excitedly she told me about them at the Savoy yesterday. The first pair was an old and erudite Chinese professor and his wife, the other was Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cantor in Hollywood.

TWO RECIPES
The recipes were surprising. The Chinese said "Silence." Eddie Cantor said "Soup."

Seven days' absolute silence every three months was the Chinese secret of happiness.

The aged professor explained that eight hours' sleep every night was not sufficient to rest tired nerves thoroughly.

News of madame's quest had preceded her to America. Eddie Cantor, whom she had not met, wrote inviting her to Hollywood. "If it's the world's most happily married couple you want, then come right in. We're it," was his message.

"And they are," said madame, "as happy as any one I've ever seen, understanding one another perfectly. They've been married just twenty-three years, have five daughters, and wherever Mr. Cantor goes, Mrs. Cantor goes too."

"Eddie Cantor told me that his only vice was soup. He must have a different soup for dinner every day. His wife agreed to that when they married, and they have lived happily ever since."

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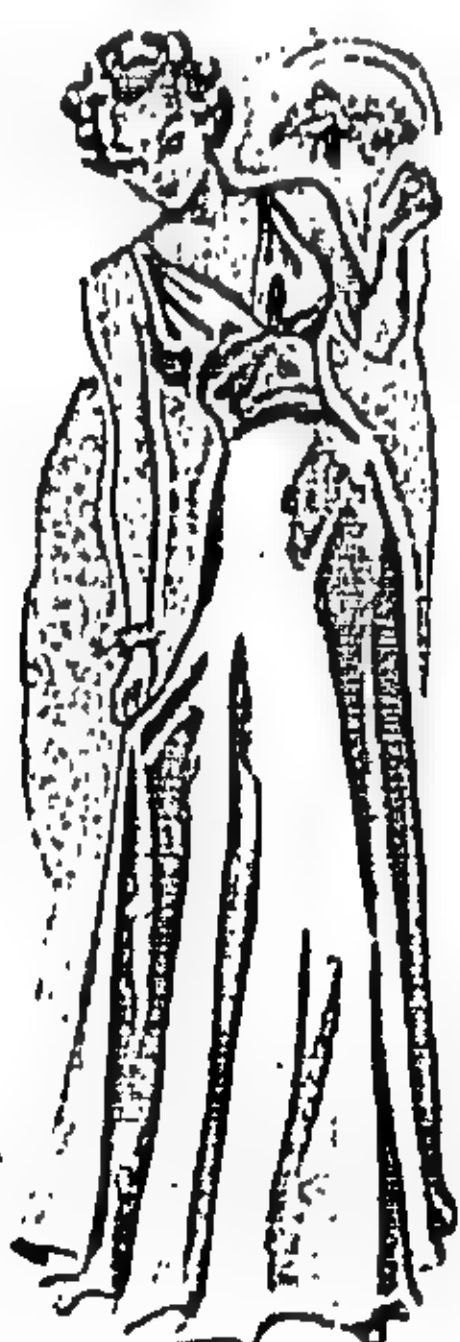
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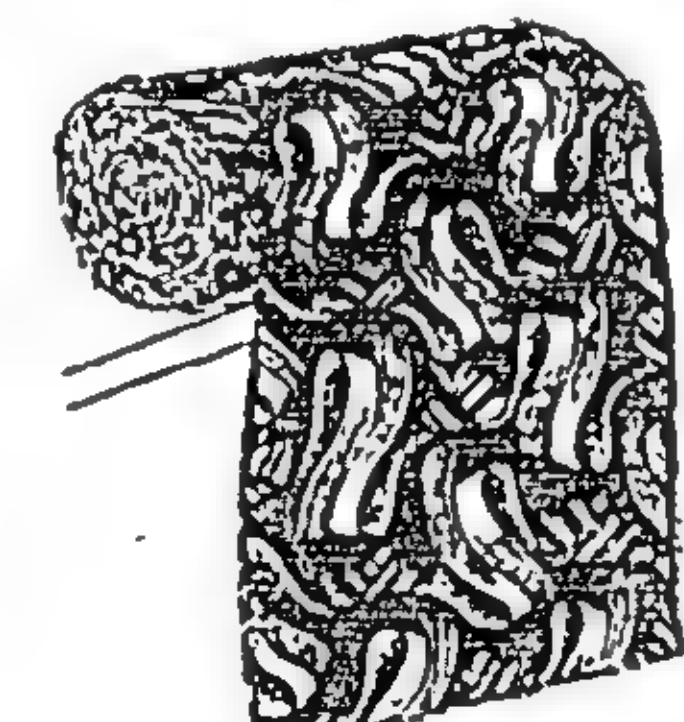
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PREJUDICE AGAINST YOUTH AT TENNIS HAIR-SPLITTING IN EXCELSIS

By F. R. Burrow

London, Dec. 19. One of the most peaceful annual meetings on record was that of the L.T.A. last week. Nearly all the resolutions proposed by the Council were carried by instant and unanimous consent; and the one which was expected to rouse some opposition—that enacting that the accounts of tournaments should be submitted within three months of the end of the tournament—only succeeded in finding one solitary representative to vote against it. The only resolution which caused much debate was the question of admission of the Public Schools Old Boys L.T.A. to affiliation, with a seat on the Council; this obtained a good deal of support, and the voting upon it was fairly even, but when the proxy votes were cast there proved to be a two to one majority against the proposal. So the "Old Boys" must continue their good missionary work, if not unrecognised, at least unaided, for the present. The "haves" were, as might have been expected, once again too strong for the "have-nots."

Sir Samuel Hoare's speech, in moving the debate on the report of the Council, emphasised the determination of the Council to "leave no stone unturned" (and, presumably, no avenue unexplored) in the endeavour to restore our lost prestige in international tennis. But quite as valuable a pronouncement as any of the others that the president made was that it was the business of the Council to look after the interests of the tens of thousands of "ordinary" players, and not to think only in terms of "crack" players. This duty has been so often advocated in these columns that it is pleasant to find so complete an endorsement of its necessity coming from the highest authority in the L.T.A.

During the debate on the "tournament accounts" resolution, the question of the "eight weeks' expenses" was brought forward, but an amendment proposing the adoption of this form of assistance to prominent players was ruled out of order. It was stated that at the recent meeting of the ranked players with the Council, the players had strongly urged that this country should bring itself into line with most foreign countries in adopting the "eight weeks' rule, by which players are allowed to have their expenses paid for eight weeks in each year. There is very little doubt that, in due time and probably before very long, this system will be adopted here, for it is perfectly obvious that some of our best players cannot afford to spend all their time playing tennis and continue to pay all their own expenses. It is equally well known that the regulation which permits players at a tournament to accept hospitality only at a private house, and does not allow them to be put up at a hotel or to have their travelling expenses paid for them, has for years past, in the case of several prominent players, been almost a dead letter. While far from agreeing that it is better to change a law rather than to enforce it merely because certain players are able to break it with impunity, it would appear to be better to legalise the custom than to go on winking at it. Expediency is a comforting word; and, after all, the point which our players make is a strong one, viz.: Why should we not do what every other nation does?

OFFICIAL CORRECTITUDE

The humorous aspect of the question arises from the fact that it is apparently to come into the forefront of lawn tennis politics at the very moment when the resolution regarding tournament committees accounts, which is obviously aimed at tightening up the existing rule, has just met with such complete support.

But the argument of the players that the restrictions of a regulation made a great many years ago have largely lost their real significance has a good deal to be said for it. A player may not have his railway fare to and from a tournament paid for him, but he may have a car sent to bring him from London to any tournament, north, south, east or west. And there is very little difference between that and a generous host who wishes to entertain prominent players, but finds his private house insufficiently elastic to accommodate all his prospective guests taking rooms at a hotel for the overflow.

But it is easy to foresee that many interesting questions will arise if the eight weeks' rule comes into force. For example, will a player be allowed to have his expenses

paid at half a dozen tournaments early in the season by hospitable committees, thus using up six of his eight weeks, and then be able to be sent abroad on a Davis Cup or American championship trip at the L.T.A.'s expense into the bargain? And what players will be licensed to have their expenses paid? All? or only, say, those in the ranking lists? And will such players only go to tournaments where their expenses are paid? And how many tournaments will be able to afford to pay them? And, lastly, will not players who are fond enough of competing in tournaments, but not sufficiently prominent to be an attraction to the public, come to the conclusion that it is scarcely good enough to go on entering against players who are not only "seeded" so that they shall carry off most, if not all, of the prizes, but are actually paid (in effect) to come and play as well?

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

There are remarkably few cases—far fewer than one would have expected—where first-rate players of either sex have produced sons and daughters of equal capabilities. But a case which has just happened at Wimbledon—the first time of the daughter of a very great player rivalling her mother's feat of winning a championship in a foreign country at the first time of asking and on her first adventure beyond her own shores—thirty-two years ago Miss May Sutton invaded England from the U.S.A. and carried off the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon—the first time of either of the singles championships failing to any foreign player. Last Monday we read of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Bundy, winning the Victorian championship in her first tournament on Australian soil. We have not yet seen Miss Bundy as a competitor at Wimbledon, though eight years ago, as a quite young girl, she accompanied her mother

Schmeling Passed Over Once Again

Joe Louis To Meet
Nathan Mann

American boxing authorities have side-tracked Max Schmeling, the German contender for the world's heavyweight crown, by giving a title fight to Nathan Mann, the New Haven (Connecticut) boxer.

He is to meet Joe Louis at the Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 23.

If Mann wins he is to give Louis a return fight within 60 days. Mann recently scored a decisive points victory over Bob Pastor, the New York State champion, and has been spoken of as a possible opponent for Tommy Farr.

DANGEROUS LEFT

Of Italian origin, Mann is said to be a most aggressive fighter, with a dangerous left hook.

A Christmas present of a set of boxing gloves started Mann off on a boxing career. He was a youngster of 14 at the time, and he used to practise boxing with a younger brother.

Two years later he entered a Connecticut State tournament and won the welterweight championship. He altogether engaged in 22 amateur bouts, winning all but two.

Mann is no Dempsey yet. But he has a style reminiscent of Jack's and Ray Arzel, the well known trainer, predicts he will some day be another Dempsey.

Now that he is to meet Louis he has at last got a chance of fulfilling his ambition.

when the champion of 1905 and 1907 revisited England after an interval of more than twenty years, and, playing at the new Wimbledon, defeated one of our best English girls who was not even born when Mrs. Bundy had last played at the old ground. Miss Bundy played for the U.S.A. in the Wightman Cup this year, and will almost certainly be a member of their team in the coming summer, when the match will be played in this country. So that then, and in the championships, those who remember Miss May Sutton's play here in 1905 and 1907 will be able to compare that of her daughter with it.

To judge from the photographs of Miss Bundy in action she has an extraordinary physical resemblance to her mother; and it is said that she hits even harder than Miss May Sutton did in her prime. It will be interesting to see how she fares in the Australian championship next month, and whether she can repeat her Victorian victory over Miss Wynne, who, after Miss Coyne and Miss Hartigan is regarded as Australia's best woman player.

HOCKEY FINAL

Rajputana Rifles To
Meet K.I.T.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club (Civilian Champions) against the Rajputana Rifles (Army Champions) in the final of the Inter-Section Hockey final to be played at King's Park, at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow: Ramzan, Attar Singh and Karnal Singh; J. P. Noronha, J. M. Pinto and M. R. Malik; D. J. Noronha, A. P. Souza, Pyara Singh, C. Pinto and I. M. Singh.

Friendly Game

The following will represent the Central British Association in a friendly hockey match against the Kowloon Rifles to-morrow at King's Park commencing at 10 a.m.:

S. MacNider, W. Stoker and Taylor; D. Blake, N. Whitley and E. Fowler; D. T. Smith, S. Fowler, G. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley and V. Bond.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Cafe Metropole" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Final showings of a film which is as good as the producers of it is—a rather unusual occurrence. On the stage the "Midnight Follies" girls give several turns in their best style and without any irritating waste of time between their acts.

"Ebb Tide" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—A Robert Louis Stevenson story brought to the screen in technicolour. The picture has been painted on a wide canvas, with some magnificent scenes of tropical beauty. Oscar Homolka, a newcomer to Hollywood, is seen for the first time together with Ray Milland and Frances Farmer, who take the parts of the young lovers. "Souls at Sea" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Despite "cuts," which rather spoils it, this film nevertheless is one worth seeing. It recounts a thrilling episode in maritime history. Gary Cooper and George Raft are starred. "Topper" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Something out of the ordinary in plots. The title of this picture suggests nothing, but it is an entertaining film. The stars of the show are Constance Bennett, Cary Grant and Roland Young.

MR. D. E. DAVIS IN NEW POST

Mr. Douglas E. Davis has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports as from to-day. Mr. Davis will also act as Monopoly Analyst, with effect from the same date.



Luxurious as orchids on marble, smart as the Rue de la Paix, gay as the third glass of champagne, "Cafe Metropole" Twentieth Century-Fox hit, unites the screen's most exciting sweetheart, LORETTA YOUNG and TYRONE POWER (centre), under the wicked eye of M'dieu ADOLPHE MENJOU (upper left). The gay romantic comedy also features (left to right) GREGORY RATOFF, HELEN WESTLEY and CHARLES WINNINGER.

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...you've had good times and bad times, but you've loved being your husband's partner, says ANTHONY WEYMOUTH in the last of the series "The Smiths Get Married."

YOU have found out, Mrs. Smith, that married life is very different from what's called a "state of single blessedness"? And it has taken you a little time to adjust yourself to it?

Well, that's not surprising. Come to think of it, no one can do more beforehand than tell you, in general terms, what marriage means. And we all know that generalities don't convince any one.

They can't do more than point out in what direction the trammels run, so speak. Every man and every woman has to find out for themselves where the particular act of rails they've embarked on run to.

Let me see, it's about three years since you were married, isn't it? By the way, do you agree with me, now that you've been through it, that it's the first year of married life when most of the difficulties arise—and have to be met and dealt with? I'd be interested to hear your own experiences, Mrs. Smith.

The worst thing at the beginning was loneliness. You only saw your husband in the evenings and at the week-ends. Well, that's what nearly every married woman has to face, isn't it?

THE fact that before your marriage you were cut all day made it a little harder for you, of course. But, nowadays, most girls are workers, and have to give up their job when they marry. So they all have to go through a spell of loneliness, don't they?

Oh, yes! I can picture what it was like when you first came back from your honeymoon. You saw your husband off soon after eight o'clock every morning, and you were alone until eight o'clock at night. It's a long time, but I expect you found plenty to do in your new home.

You found it harder after the first six months? Why? Because you'd then got the house in order and time

"You told him that you weren't his slave ... that you hadn't married him to become a domestic servant."

began to hang heavily on your hands?

Tell me, Mrs. Smith, how you dealt with that situation. You did some needlework? Good. But I suppose you soon got through that. After all, when you'd made that second pair of curtains for the sitting-room, and had finished all those

trifles, there can't have been much left to do. However, quickly John wore holes in his socks, they don't take long to mend.

If I'm any judge of newly-weds, you used to look round your home and try to find ways in which you could make it smarter.

I expect you spent a long time tidying up on the days when you'd asked the Robinsons in. After all, John was just as house-proud in his way as you were, wasn't he? And he'd have hated it if his new neighbors had found the house—well, not exactly clean.

YOU'RE surprised that I understand so much about marriage? You see, I've talked over



what? Oh, a boy. Congratulations. And did you both behave well? You did. And John—the older John, I mean?

He wasn't so good, I suppose. The doctor told you that he walked up and down the garden sucking at an empty pipe. Poor John!

It was really as bad a time for him as for you—in its way. I'm sure he was certain he was going to lose you—men at these times always remember the wives who've died in giving their husbands children.

And you didn't—and you didn't have too bad a time yourself? That's good. Modern methods have made a difference to childbirth, haven't they? (You've got to thank two discoveries—anaesthetics and antiseptics—for changing what used to be a dreadful ordeal into something which isn't too bad.)

And was it worth it when you held small John in your arms? (All right, I won't ask silly questions.)

How are they both, by the way? I mean the two of you? That's good—both taking their nourishment well. And they're great friends already, you say. That I can well believe, Mrs. Smith. I've got a small son myself.

AND now that you've been married three years, tell me your views on marriage as a whole.

You think that any couple ought to be able to make a job of it, if they only get together and look on it as a partnership?

Yes, I suppose that is so—in theory, at any rate. But you mustn't forget, Mrs. Smith, that both you and your husband began your joint lives determined to meet each other.

You remember I told you that selfishness was the most important single factor in making married people happy? And you've proved that true. You had to sacrifice something, when a small John was on the way. And did big John sacrifice anything? (Please keep cool, Mrs. Smith—I only wanted to know.)

So he gave up smoking and economized in other ways when you found how much small John was going to cost? That's fine. Because he'll appreciate both you and your son all the more.

YOU know, I'm beginning to think that you're a young woman. First, because you've got John—sorry, two Johns. (Do you know that there are three quarters of a million women in Great Britain alone who'll never have husbands? And that there are more than a million married couples in England to-day who've got only one child?)

Secondly, you're a philosopher. You've found out a profound truth. It's this: that to give is a greater blessing than to receive.

You've given big John a little edition of him—a home he looks forward to coming back to all through his working day.

You're a very lucky woman to have learned a truth which some people never learn until it's too late. You and Mr. Smith have got something which money simply can't buy—happiness.

BUT to get back to loneliness. I'm keen to know how you got over it. You must have found some way in which you could profitably occupy yourself while your husband was away.

It only lasted a few months. Why? Oh! I see. Then you had plenty of sewing to do, of course. And you had to be careful what you did in the way of exertion.

You'll have to tell me about—was it another John, or a Jane, or

"THE LIFE OF EMILE ZOLA"

Fictionisation of the Warner Bros. Picture—Starring Paul Muni—which will be screened in Hong-kong shortly.

Fictionized by HARRY LEE

THE STORY SO FAR: Zola is ejected from a Bohemian cafe because he can't pay. He goes to the attic which he shares with Cezanne, an artist. Zola's mother and intended wife come with news of a job for him with La Rue, publisher. At a cafe Zola meets, during a police raid on the demi-monde, the outcast "Nana"—Years pass making Zola rich and famous. Captain Alfred Dreyfus, is falsely convicted as a traitor—and his wife comes to Zola to enlist his aid in freeing Dreyfus.

Chapter IV HE BEARDS THE LIONS

"Madame Dreyfus . . . Zola, entering the room, bowed respectfully, meaning to dismiss his visitor—but something in her lovely tragic face prevented. She stood near the fire, under the portrait of Cezanne, the melting frost glittering on the frost of her fur coat. She carried a portfolio of documents. As he gazed into the haunted, imploring eyes, he thought of another woman, not even remotely like her—Nana. Both wore the badge of suffering.

"Please forgive me, Monsieur Zola, for intruding like this, but I have absolute proof here in this portfolio . . . that another man was guilty of the crime for which my husband is suffering a living death! Caged! Racked with fever! Tormented with insects! Hopeless . . . Under the hateful, staring of armed guards who never leave him . . . day or night!"

"But Madame," interposed Zola, gently but firmly, "he was lawfully convicted. Naturally, as his wife, you believe him innocent."

She stood before him trembling. He indicated a chair and seated himself opposite, deeply disturbed, pounding a fist softly into his palm, considering! What is this new evidence you say you've discovered?" he asked abruptly.

"A certain Colonel Picquart . . . "Oh, that!" he interrupted. "It was all in the papers! Picquart came back from Africa and accused Esterhazy of writing the bordereau, and Esterhazy was court-martialed. But he was acquitted, Madame!"

"Of course he was!" Her words were an overwhelming torrent. "Acquitted by the same Army group that convicted my husband!—Even though Esterhazy's own banker testified that the writing on the bordereau was Esterhazy's and not my husband's!"

Zola was spellbound in spite of himself. Her passionate eagerness was irresistible. "Oh, don't you see, Monsieur Zola? They had to acquit Esterhazy, to save the face of the General Staff! They'll stop at nothing—I tell you, to protect themselves! They've even got Picquart in a military prison now on a trumped-up charge! Look, Monsieur Zola!"

She thrust the portfolio into his hands.

"Here is all the evidence—the deposition of Esterhazy's banker!"

"Comparison of Esterhazy's writing with my husband's and the bordereau! Even copies of letters written to Colonel Picquart by the Assistant Chief of Staff . . ."

Zola nervously opened the brief case and began to examine the documents.

"They prove beyond a doubt that the General Staff knows that my husband is innocent and Esterhazy guilty! Monsieur Zola . . . you will help me . . . won't you?"

Zola, terrifiedly agitated, got up and began to pace the floor. Madame Dreyfus watched him in silence. He stood, tapped the portfolio angrily and began his march again, running his fingers through the unruly shock of hair, put his glasses on and took them off.

"It would be useless, Madame Dreyfus . . . I said at last, with unconvincing ferocity. "Your husband's case is officially closed! The only possible way to reopen it would be for some fool to publicly accuse the General Staff and get himself dragged into court on a charge of criminal libel!"

Madame Dreyfus made no reply. "Well?" he roared, angrily.

"I was thinking . . . of my husband . . ."

Zola again began his restless march. Finally he whirled and faced her.

"Do you realize, Madame Dreyfus, what will happen to me if I publicly take up your husband's cause?"

She looked at him silently, imploringly.

"All France believes him guilty—hates him as a traitor! And if I champion him—at the peak of my career, almost a Member of the Academy—I'll be ruined! Hurled down and destroyed by a nation's wrath! Everything I've worked for—money, position, fame, swept away over-night!"

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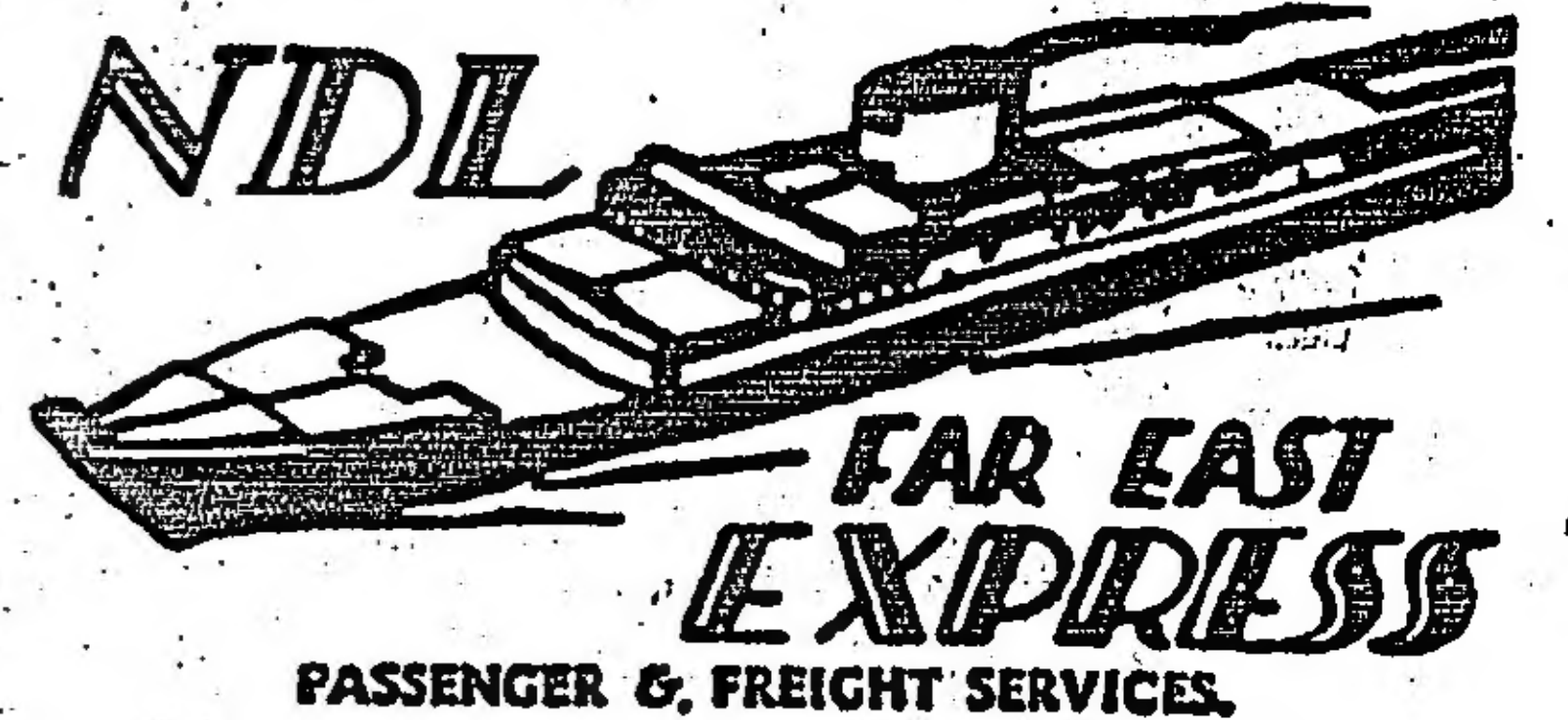
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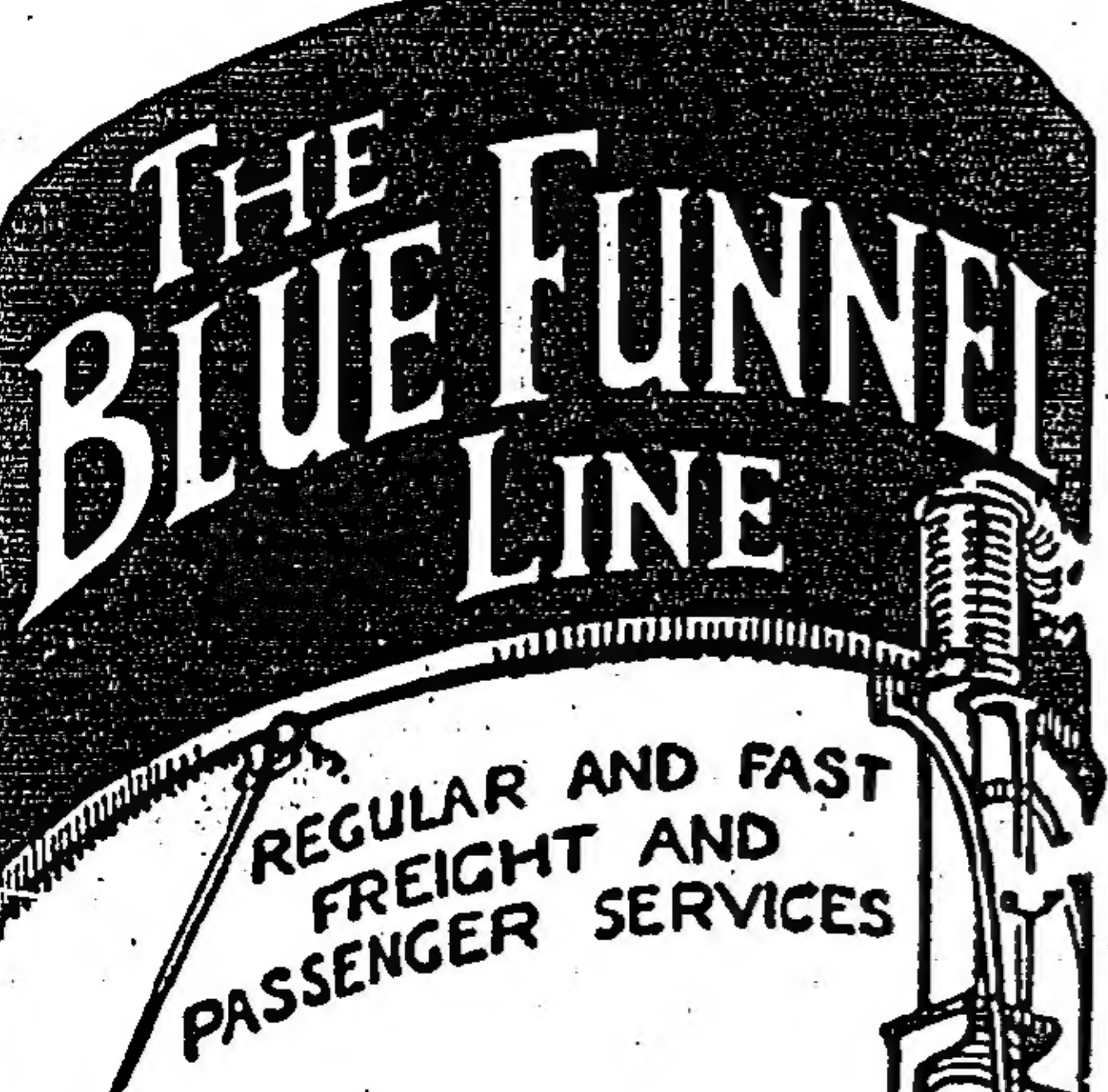
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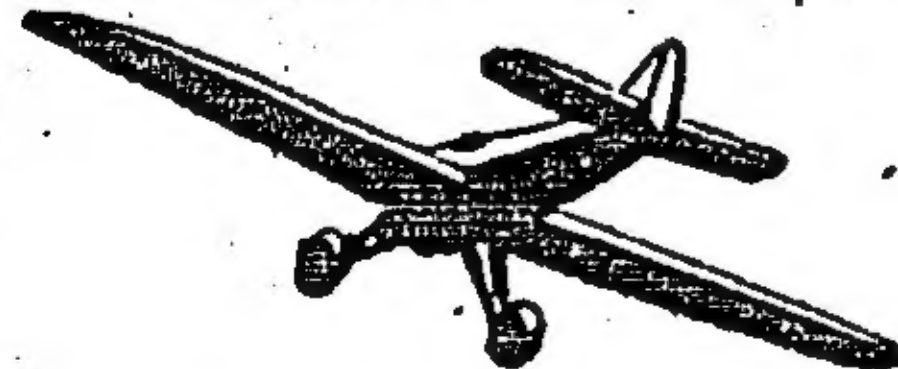
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The appointment is notified in this morning's Government Gazette of Mr. Frederick Filippance as Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

Mr. Filippance will shortly relieve the present Superintendent, Mr. Harold Green, who recently went home on long service furlough prior to retirement. Mr. Green has been associated with the Botanical and Forestry Department since February, 1911, when he was appointed Assistant Superintendent. He became Acting Superintendent a year later, the appointment being confirmed in April, 1920. With the exception of three years when he was seconded for military service, Mr. Green's entire service with the Hongkong Government has been spent in the Botanical and Forestry Department.

ANCIENT TOMB DISCOVERED

Cairo, Jan. 21. The discovery of a 5,000 year-old tomb of the second dynasty of Noble has been made by the British archaeologist, Mr. Walter Emery, at Sakhar.

The interior of the tomb revealed a crumbled coffin which Mr. Emery reconstructed. Exquisite unadorned copper, alabaster bowls and the remains of a bull intended for the sustenance of Noble in "after life", the whole presenting a scene in history, was perfectly preserved at the level of the desert sand.—Reuter.

BOMB FOUND NEAR N.Y.K. STEAMER

Seattle, Jan. 21. In connection with the suspected plot to blow up the N.Y.K. vessel, Ito Maru, it is reported that United States Customs agents took a bomb from the water near the spot where the Japanese steamer was moored yesterday.—Reuter.

EARL BALDWIN ROBBED

London, Jan. 21. Burglars broke into Astley Hall, near Stourport, the country residence of Earl Baldwin, during the night, and stole a valuable collection of gold coins. Lord and Lady Baldwin were staying in London at the time.—Reuter.

CENSORS BUSY IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Jan. 21. The Japanese censors in Shanghai held up another despatch to the Manchester Guardian sent by a correspondent. It is understood the British Consul-General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, is making a further protest.—Reuter Bulletin.

TERUEL FIGHTING CONTINUES

Madrid, Jan. 21. Heavy fighting is continuing around Teruel. Insurgent aircraft is actively bombing the Government positions, but the latter assert that the insurgent attacks on land have been repulsed at all points.—Reuter Bulletin.

PRINCESS JULIANA

Soestdyke, Jan. 21. Because of rainy weather, Princess Juliana remained within doors this morning, while Prince Bernhard went for his usual motor drive. In the afternoon the weather improved, and Princess Juliana strolled in the palace grounds.—Reuter Special.

JEWS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Jerusalem, Jan. 21. Two Jews were sentenced to five years imprisonment by the Military Court, to-day, for possession of fire arms.—Reuter Bulletin.

FILIPINOS PRESS FOR BOYCOTT

Fear Japanese Aggression

London, Jan. 21.

Following the announcement in the Philippine press of the decision of the International Peace Campaign to organize a world boycott of Japanese goods, the British office of the I.P.C. has received a letter from the Philippine group stating that "Filipinos and foreigners in the Philippines have organized a Friends of China group against the Chinese people's hour of need."

"The Filipinos are thoroughly aware of the danger to their own independence through the inherent aggressive programme of the Japanese militarists, and know that the fate of the independent and democratic Philippines is tied up with the fate of China."

The message adds that the activities of the group include mass meetings, a boycott of Japanese goods, and a vigilant counter-offensive against Japanese propaganda.—Reuter.

Employment Declines In The U.S.

Washington, Jan. 21. Mrs. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labour, has reported a net decline in employment between the middle of November and the middle of December of 300,000, while weekly payrolls decreased by \$315,000,000. A decrease of 520,000 in industrial employment was partly offset by a seasonal gain in the retail trade. President Roosevelt has intimated that his message concerning naval appropriations could be sent to Congress next Monday or Tuesday.—Reuter Special.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—Kilano Maru, Hongkong, Toulouse, Proteus, Lu-chow, Chakung, C.G. Paul Doumer, Hongkong, Pingwo, Shinkyo Maru, Carthage, President Garfield, Conte Rosso, Potsdam, Nagara, President Doumer, Friderun, Shengliang, Nako Maru, and Memnon.

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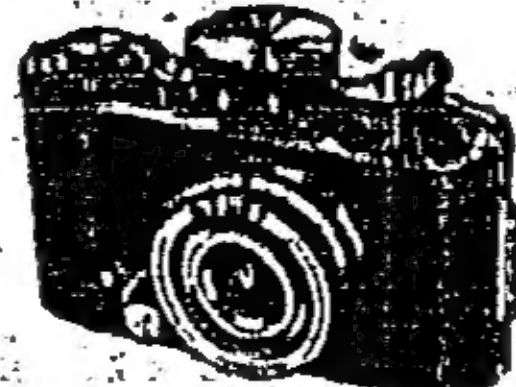
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